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ISLAMABAD (R) - The Soviet Union held direct talks with Afghan rebels in Pakistan Sunday, for the first time since the start of the 10-year-old guerrilla war. A Soviet emhassy statement said the two sides had discussed the release of Soviet soldiers taken prisoner by the guerrillas. Abdul Rahim, one of two rebel representatives at the talks. said he had brought up other matters than the Soviet prisoners. "We made it more geoeral, about the facts and realities in Aghanistan." he told Reuters. "We assured them about future relations, that our government would be noo-aligned and not hostile towards the Russians," he said, "They promised to coovey our message to their leaders." Since sending troops into Afghanistan in December 1979, Moscow had always refused to talk directly to the rebels. The Soviet statement said contacts with the rebels had been made in West Germany early this year. The rebels have refused to talk to the Soviet-hacked Afghan government of President Najihullah. The two rebel officials at the talks were relatively low-ranking. They beloog to the Januiat-i-Islami and Hezb-i-Islami parties on the hardline Islamie wing of the seven-party rebel alliance.

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# AROUND THE WORLD ...

#### Sudanese, Romanian defence officials meet

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudanese and Romanian defence officials are hase T discussing military cooperation and attempts to boost bilateral relations in all fields, the Sudan News Agency reported Sunday. SUNA said that Defence Minister Abdul Megid Hamed Khalil met Saturday with General Victor Stanescu, assistant to the Romanian defence minister, and members of his delegation. The agency said they discussed the promotion of military cooperation in the field of training, especially aviation training.

#### Land still serious after shooting

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israeli-backed militia leader Antoine Lahd remained in serious condition at a Haifa hospital Sunday, three weeks after a Lebanese woman attempted to kill him with a pistol. A spokesman for Haifa's Ramban hospital said Lahd was "still serious spokesman for mana's Kamban nospital said Land was "sun serious but very stable." "He is progressing slowly and the prognosis is still good, according to his doctors. It will take time," he said in a telephone interview. Land, 61, was shot twice by a woman visitor to his home in Marjayoun, Lebanon, Nov. 7. The assallant, Identified as Soha Fayez Bishara, a 21-year-old dance instructor, is in custody in

#### Philippine military, police on alert

MANILA (AP) - Troops and police went on full alert Sunday after authorities blocked convoys of buses carrying thousands of civilians into the city with leaflets calling for a coup, officials said. "We had to go on red alert after all these calls about buses coming in," said Colonel Leonardo Orig, operations officer of the Philippine constabul-ary's capital command. "Everything is normal now and we may lift the alert tonight (Sunday) or tomorrow (Monday)," Orig denied the movement was part of any new right-wing plot to take power or undermine President Corazon Aquino's government, But police said act and g people in some of the convoys carried leaflets saying a coupe was other under way.

#### Ozal visits Strasbourg to meet Kohl

ISTANBUL (AP) -- Premier Turgut Ozal Sunday flew to Strasbourg. France, for a private meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Ozal is scheduled to travel to Paris Monday to begin a three-day official visit to France. Ozal told reporters before departing on a special jetliner that he thought the visit, the first official visit to France by a Turkish head of government in 16 years, "would play an important role in developing Turco-French relations."

# Vassiliou wants Cyprus demilitarised

ATHENS (AP) - President George Vassiliod of Cyprus said Sunday he wants his war-divided iland demilitarised, but had reached ent with the Greek government in the meantime to stren its defence capability, "As long as there is a Turkish occupation army in porth Cyprus we have an obligation to strengthen our defences. Vassilion told a news conference at the end of a two-day visit for uncilar consultations with the Greek government. He added that as soon as the estimated 35,000 Turkish troops withdraw from the northern, Turkish occupied part of the island, "we can give away or sell our weapons to fulfil our intention for the demilitarisation of Cyprus." Vassilion said the agreement for strengthening Cypriot defence capabilities "does not include the dispatch of any Greek troops to

# Onassis' daughter inherits fortune

ATHENS (AP) - A three-year-old girl became the official heir to the multimillion dollar Christina Onassis fortune with a five-member committee appointed as executors of her will, a source close to the ear sain Onassis family said Sunday. The will dated Oct. 12, 1988, was opened before an Athens magistrate Friday, the source said. Athena, daughter of Christina Onassis and Frenchman Thierry Roussel. not receives the bulk of her mother's estate estimated at half a billion dollars with friends and relatives receiving gifts. Onassis and Roussel, her fourth husband, divorced in October 1987. Onassis, 37, died in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 19 from an apparent heart attack. Her body was flown to Greece where she was buried Saturday next to her father and brother on the family owned island of Skorpios in the

#### Top Israell official visits Moscow 123K 1

Jule TEL AVIV (AP) - Avraham Tamir, director-general of the foreign ministry, flew to Moscow Sunday, becoming the highest-ranking Israeli to visit since the Kremlin cut ties in 1967, a spokesman said. Tamir, who had no scheduled meetings with Soviet leaders, is expected to spend 36 hours in Moscow consulting Israel's consular delegation there, foreign ministry spokesman Alon Lief said. Tamir decided to make the Moscow stopover during a European tour after "reaching the conclusion that there is a need to examine the consular delegation's work conditions and procedures," Leil said.

# Klibl: Arab ministers to discuss Lebanon

DAMASCUS (AP) - Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi said Saturday he was discussing with Syrian officials the possibility of joint Arab efforts to resolve a two-month-old political crisis in Lebanon. Klibi, in Damascus for the third time this month for talks on Lebanon, said he was trying to organise an Arab foreign ministers' meeting aimed at "helping Lebanon overcome its present crisis and safeguarding its constitutional institutions." Klibi, on a swing through Arab capitals for consultations on Lebanon, said he would get from President Hafez Al Assad "all necessary advice" for preparing such a

# Former Lebanese premier dies in Paris

BEIRUT (R) - Former Lebanese Prime Minister Takieddine Solh died Sunday in a Paris hospital of a heart attack, his family said. He was 81. Solh, one of the founders of the movement for Lebanon's independence, achieved from France in 1943, was prime minister from July 1973 to September 1974.

# Pope: Palestinians need homeland

VATICAN CITY (R) - Pope John Paul called Sunday for a Palestinian homeland and suggested that Israel should see the Palestine National Council's (PNC) implicit recognition of Israel as a positive step. In his first public comment on the issue since the proclamation of the Palestinian state Nov. 15, the Pope also called for an end to the suffering of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and refugees elsewhere.

# Israel says commando killed

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israeli soldiers fatally shot a commando during a nighttime clash in Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in southern Lebanon, the military command said Sunday. The clash occurred Saturday night when the troops opened fire on a group of commandos they encountered near the village of Rachaf, 10 kilometres north of the Israeli border, the command said. One commando was killed in the firelight while the Israelis sustained no casualties, the command said, adding that the fighter was armed

# Al Hussein voices disappointment with U.S. refusal of visa to Arafat,

# reviews joint moves to consolidate support for Palestinian struggle King: U.S. move aims at stifling moderation



His Majesty King Hassein Sunday confers with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in a meeting attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai (right),

Palestine National Council Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh and other officials (Photo by Youse( Al 'Alian)

King, Mubarak agree to launch Arab campaign

# Jordan spearheads bid to move U.N. session

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

move this year's special U.N. sein and Egyptian President Hos- National Council (PNC) in General Assembly session on U.S. refused to grant entry to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to address the gathering in New

Amid widespread protests condemnation of the American refusal. the foreign ministers of (PLO). Egypt and Iraq announced that they had called

off plans to travel to the U.N. Taher Al Masri launched im- moves to be made with U.N.

mediate contacts with other Arab foreign ministers to launch a joint drive to press the U.N. to shift the special session to Geneva.

mi Mubarak agreed to launch the Algiers earlier this month.

effort during a telephone call they The U.S. State Departs bad Sunday. Petra said the two leaders exchanged views on steps to be taken in light of the American rejection of the visa request by Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Petra said that Masri, upon the held telephone contacts with the foreign ministers of Arab coun-In Amman, Foreign Minister tries and agreed with them on

member states to transfer the debate on Palestine to Geneva to enable Arafat to present his case to the international community AMMAN — Jordan and Egypt The Jordan News Agency, Pet-Sunday launched an Arab bid to ra, said His Majesty King Hus-... tions taken by the Palestine

> announced the rejection of the visa request Saturday.

> U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said the decision was taken Shultz said the decision was tracted because the U.S. government had "convincing evidence" that elements of the PLO "have engaged in terrorism against Americans and others."
> Shuitz also said in a two-page statement that Arafat, as PLO chairman,

> > (Continued on page 2)

# lto name premier Thursday

Pakistan President Ghulam Ishaq Khan will name a prime minister Thursday, state-run television said Sunday.

It quoted a government spokesman as saying the new premier would take office Friday. Opposition leader Benazir

Bhutto, whose Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won the largest number of seats in the National Assembly in this month's general election, has said she should lead the next government.

The government had earlier said the prime minister would not be named before Dec. 5. date for an oath-taking session Bhutto had complained that

her political opponents in the Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) were using the delay to try to coerce independents into a coalition to keep her out of power. Bhutto's PPP won 45 per

cent of the National Assembly seats in the Nov. 16 voting. But the IDA, which is led by Nawaz Sharif and won about 27 per cent of the seats, has been trying to form a coalition together with independents and

minority parties.

The Jordanian side to the talks included Prime Minister Zaid

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday voiced disappontment with the American refusal to grant an entry visa to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and said the U.S. move was aimed at stifling the voice of Palestinian moderation.

Ahu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain

Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed

Forces Commander-in-Chief

Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn

Shaker and Foreign Minister

The PLO delegation attending

the talks included PNC Speaker

Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh

and PLO Executive Committee

members Mahmoud Ahhas (Abu

Mazen), Ahdul Razak Al Yahya,

Mohammad Milhem and Elia

Later, Prime Minister Rifai re-

ceived the PLO chairman at his

residence in a meeting attended

Earlier Sunday, the King, accompanied by Qasem, paid a visit to the PLO chairman at his

In a departure statement to

Petra, Arafat described his talks

in Amman as positive, brotherly

and constructive, particularly his meeting with His Majesty, who, he said, adviced him on all

aspects of Jordanian-Palestinian

Arafat later left Amman.

by Yahya and Abbas.

Taher Al Masri.

In a meeting with Arafat, Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the King also paid tribute to the resolutions adopted by the Pales-tine National Council (PNC) in Algiers earlier this month, the Jordan News Agency, Petra. re-

The King and 'Arafat, who arrived here late Saturday, reviewed possibilities of moves in the international scene to consolidate support for the positive Palestinian stand as reflected in the PNC resolutions, Petra said.

Petra said earlier that Jordan and Egypt had agreed to launch an Arab campaign to shift the U.N. General Assembly special session on Palestine to Geneva from New York so that Arafat could address the world body and present the Palestinian peace strategy to the international com-

Voicing disappointment with the American refusal to grant a visa to Arafat, the King told Arafat: "This decision is aimed at stifling the moderate, positive Palestinian voice, the voice of and Arab coordination and joint peace and justice which all in the moves.

Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan

hy Rifai, Masri. Information Minister Hani Khasawneh, Interior Minister Rajai Dajani and

senior officials. In comments carried hy internariooal news agencies, Ahhas and other mainstream PLO leaders were quoted as vowing not to let the American stand to deflect them from seeking peace.

"We feel the Americans will feel more isolated if they keep up their position," Ahhas was quoted as saying. "This encourages us to stay on the path of flexibility and not look back with regret.

"We found real dismay on Jordan's part at the position of the administration," said

He said Arafat had wanted to speak in the U.N. debate on Dec. I to clarify the PLO peace strategy mapped out by the PNC in Algiers.

Milhem told Reuters that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who announced the rejection of the visa request Saturday, appeared to be slamming the door on the Palestinian quest for a peaceful sertlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"It seems the 'Shultz administration' was not happy about the greater possibility of achieving peace and coexistence in the Middle East, said Milhem, "Shultz is happy to see continued conflict and bloodshed." Ahhas said Shultz was trying to

stop Americans from hearing the Palestinian viewpoint, "but we are optimistic that we can reach the American audience via (a U.N. debate in) Geneva."

In Tunis, a PLO spokesman said the PLO would organise a vote in the U.N. over Washington's refusal to

Arafat said be and Rifai discussed in detail ways and means to support the Palestinian struggle.
The PLO chairman was seen off the United Nations.

#### Syrians clash with |Pakistan **Beirut truce violators** BEIRUT (R) - Syrian troops streets, normally teeming with enforcing a Sullen truce between rival militias clasbed Sunday with trians.

gunmen on the edge of Beirut's southern suburbs. Soldiers came under fire when they moved into the Jenah area near the Iranian embassy to sepa-

rate the Amal militia and the Hizbollah (Party of God). The Syrians arrested gunmen who were identified as members of Hizbollah. a security source

said. Two Hizbollah men were injured in the shooting. The clash was the latest in a series of truce violations since

Syria arranged a ceasefire Saturday and ordered troops to shoot gunmen unless the militias eoded their bloody battles. Police said three people were

killed and eight wounded Sunday, raising the toll to 29 dead and 68 wounded since fighting erupted between Amal and Hizbollah in west Beirut and the southern suburbs Thursday.

West Beirut was almost back to normal Suoday. But in the southern suburbs, sporadic machinegun fire and explosions echoed around hadly-damaged detained.

street vendors, taxis and pedes-Streams of cars packed with people and their helongings

threaded their way out of the suhurbs, home for about 500,000 impoverished people, to safer areas in Beirut or the south. Scores of old men, women and children, carryiog plastic hags full

of clothes, scurried out of the area on foot in fear of fresh While most militiamen withdrew from west Beirut, Amal and

Hizbollah elung to their positions in the suburhs, 40 square kilometres of narrow, muddy Grim-faced Hizbollah militia-

men, clad in military fatigues and holding automatic rifles, gathered at their harracks in Hay Madi to speak hy walkie-talkies or listen to the latest news on the radio. "Go back to where you came

from," said one man at the barracks, where some of the 18 Westerners believed held hostage in Lehanon are thought to be

# Algerian debate opens with stress on reform

dent Chadli Benjedid opened the Algeria." sixth congress of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) Sunday, telling delegates a package of reform proposals would be introduced in parliament soon.

Benjedid also held out the eventual possibility of creating a multiparty state, without providing details, the state radio reported.

The congress is being held in a mushroom-shaped white arena in the suburban July 5 Sports Complex oo the outskirts of the

Over 5,000 delegates from party and mass organisations for workers, women, farmers, and youth took their seats at the Palais des Nations conference centre for a two-day meeting expected to witness a showdown between reformers and hard-

Just before the congress got underway, Abdul Hamid Mehri. the new head of the party secretariat, told journalists he was

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Presi- era in the political life of

He said five sub-committees had been set up to examine in details proposals to broaden the basis of the FLN's bold on power. The conference, originally

planned for the middle of December, was brought forward after riots erupted in the capital and other major cities in October. In announcing his intention to

institute reforms last month, Beniedid heightened expectations. Many observers say'that if he does not deliver at least some visible change, renewed violeoce may erupt.

Benjedid's emphasis on the political side bas been on bringing a wider range of people and opinions into the existing struc-

But the state radio quoted the president as saying in his speech: Concerning a multiparty system, the question will be put to the people if conviction of its need is widely shared." He did not say convinced it would "open a new when or under what conditions.

# **19 wounded in Gaza** amid calls for strikes GAZA CITY. Occupied Gaza the Jabaliya refugee camp and the Hamas leaflet said. one in Rafah on the Egyptian

Strip (AP) - Islamic fundamentalists called Sunday for strikes to mark the first year of the Palestinian uprising, and bospital officials said 19 Palestinians were shot and wounded in the

occupied Gaza Strip.

Eight were wounded in Beit
Hanoun, a town of 7,000 north of Gaza City. Palestinians rold hospital officials that Israeli troops. opened fire after protesters threw

An 18-year-old student, shot in the right leg in Beit Hanoun, told reporters at Ahli hospital here that he was sitting in the yard of an agricultural school while talking to friends when soldiers came

in firing.
He said stones may have been thrown at troops outside the school. The teenager asked that

his name not be used.

Clashes also were reported in five other Gaza villages and refugee camps. Palestinians suffering bullet wounds included three teenagers

from the village of Deir Al Balah

and three from the Khan Yunis

refugee camp, said hospital offi-

border. The army reported curfews in

the Nuscirat refugee camp and the Sabra quarter of Gaza City. In Gaza City, a newly painted wall sign showed an illustration of a molotov cocktail with the statement "No other option than this." It was signed by the United Leadership of the Uprising.

The underground called a strike Monday in honour of 5.656 Palestinians currently held in Israeli custody. The army said 1.590 of the total are detained without benefit of trial.

Three other strikes were called in a leaflet issued by the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. One was demanded for Tuesday (Nov. 29) to coincide with the anniversary of U.N. Resolution

On Dec. 8, a strike was ordered to mark the end of a full year of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, the leafler said. A second strike Dec. 9 signal the start of a second year, it

"The intifada has dissipated any possible life of co-existence."

The leaflet indirectly criticised the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO), which Nov. 15 in Algiers proclaimed an independent Palestinian state and called for an international conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. "How is it possible for some to think that Jews want a just

peace?" the leaflet said.

In the West Bank, meanwhile, residents claimed Israeli troops rounded up about 100 men from Ramallah for questioning about a fire bomh thrown Saturday in the A curfew was imposed in the

village of Artas near Bethlehem, and a curfew was extended for a second day in Surra near Nahlus, where stone-throwing protests had been reported. Arab newspaper said Sunday

that Naim Touhasi, 35, a reporter for the Al Shaab daily newspaper, was taken into custody by Israeli troops Friday. His brother, Khader, also a

journalist, said the soldiers gave no reason for the arrest. Naim Toubasi was imprisoned without charges from March to August this year, his brother said.

# cials. Two other were wounded in **SWAPO:** Namibians free to choose system

LUANDA (R) - The Namibian nationalist group SWAPO will let Namihians choose what kind of political system they want if SWAPO wins elections expected next year when Namibia becomes independent from South Africa.

Andimba Toivo ya Toivo, secretary-general of SAWPO (South West Africa People's government would also work to wean mineral-rich Namibia from economie dependence on South

But it would not automatically nationalise large-scale privatemining enterprises or livestock farms to impose state control on the economy.

policies, Toivo ya Toivo said his organisation, which has fought for Namibia's independence for more than two decades, was confident it would win an overall majority in elections scheduled to be held under a U.N. independence blueprint for Namibia. The U.N. plan, Security Coun-

cil Resolution 435 adopted in Organisation), told Reuters 1978, is the centrepiece of a Saturday night that a SWAPO U.S.-mediated peace process for Angola and Namibia and is expected to be implemented next Through the U.N.-supervised

polls, Namibians will elect a constituent assembly to draw up a constitution for the territory, ruled by South Africa in defiance he economy.

Broadly outlining SWAPO's of the United Nations in the past 70 years.

Asked what kind of political system SWAPO favoured, Toivo ya Toivo said: "We are flexible... the elections will decide and the people of Namibia will decide." The SWAPO secretary-general, second in the group's hierar-

chy after President Sam Nujoma, said SWAPO foresaw a socialist path of development for Namibia's economy, which is based oo fishing, cattle and sheep ranching and mining of diamonds, copper, gold and uranium. SWAPO's overall objective

would be to gradually reduce Namibia's heavy dependence on the more powerful Sonth African economy. "But we will try to avoid disruptioo... it will be a slow process," Toivo ya Toivo

For example, a SWAPO government would not immediately companies.

tantamount to saying we are closing the mines," Torvo ya Toivo said, adding there were currently not eoough skilled Namibians to

profits, technology and training. "If they are not prepared to accept our terms... well..." Tiovo ya Toivo shrugged, indicating the companies would lose their con-

take over foreign-owned mining "If we do that it would be

run the mines. A SWAPO government would renegotiate existing contracts with multi-national mining companies to ensure the independent country would benefit from their

capital.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

STOCKHOLM (RI - Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson

has called on Israel to start direct peace talks with the Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO). Speaking at a Palestinian solidar-

ity conference Saturday night, he said Sweden supported Palesti-

nian aspirations for an independent state, as expressed in this

month's declaration of independence by the Palestine National

Council (PNC). "To Israel we say, begin a peace dialogue with

the PLO. Not to do so would be a fateful mistake for Israel, the

Palestinians and world peace." Andersson said. "To the United

States we say, help us persuade our mutual Israeli friends to recognise the Palestinians' right to self-determination." Sweden

said it would not recognise a Palestinian state until it controlled its

own territory but it welcomed the declaration of independence

and the PNC's acceptance of U.N. resolutions implying the

Shots fired at Yemeni opposition leader

DEARBORN, Michigan (API - Shots were fired Saturday night

from a passing car at a group that included Ibrahim Al Wazir, an

opponent of the government of North Yemen, said a spokesman

for Wazir. The spokesman, Hani Issac, said Wazir was unburt but

another man in the group was wounded in the leg. Issac said the shooting occurred at 7:20 p.m. Saturday (0020 GMT Sunday) outside a restaurant in this Detroit suburb. Dearborn is home to

many members of the area's large Arab community. Dearborn

police confirmed a shooting took place but refused to release any

Isa, was reported in critical condition late Saturday at a local

threatened to kill the priest in the presence of the couple and their

First kidney transplant in Oman

Sweden urges Israel to negotiate with PLO

# Chances seen improving for Likud-Labour coalition

ΓEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Party may propose the prestigious cahinet post of finance ministry for Labour Party leader Shimon Peres to heighten chances of Israel being ruled again by a joint government. news reports said Sunday.

According to the proposal. drawn up this weekend during secret contacts between Likud and Labour. Peres would get the finance portfolio while American-born Moshe Arens of Likud would replace Peres as foreign minister, four prominent newspapers said. Yitzhak Rubin of Labour would remain defence minister, they said.

The reported compromise appeared likely to entice Labour leaders back to the negotiating table after breaking off talks with Likud last week.

The talks ended after Shamir objected to meeting Labour's key demand of an equal role in the cabinet, including two key ministries besides defence.

Shamir aide and Likud legislator Roni Milo indicated Sunday that a proposal to give Labour the

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knows of, condones, and lends sup-

port to such acts," and is "an acces-

U.S. action was "unjustified and dis-

appointing," saying the PLO leader had every right to address the U.N. under the agreement between the

United States and the world organisa-

this decision are known. The pressure of the Zionist lobby in Washington is

Mubarak said in Cairo that he and

King Hussein were in constant touch on matters of concern to the Arab

In a meeting with Egyptian National Democratic Party, the president

said that Egypt wholeheariedly sup-poned the PNC resolutions which

underlined the future relationship be-tween Jordan and Palestine and rec-

ognition of Security Council Resolu-

tions 242 and 338 and renunciation of

The president expressed hope that

Muharak said that his country

would exert all possible efforts to

convene an international Middle East

peace conference. But, he added, it

would be some time before that

objective can be achieved pending

removal of obstacles in its way, more

efforts on the part of the participants

and a unified stand by Arab states.
"It is most regrettable to have this

American decision come shortly after

historic decisions were taken by the PNC in Algiers, decisions which the

world saw as positive, moderate and constructive." Maso said. "We had believed that this modera-

tion, which the unified states had

been demanding, would get an American welcome," he said.

Meanwhile, it was reported from

Cairo and Baghdad that Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul

Meguid had postponed and Iraqi

Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz had scrapped plans to attend the U.N.

session in New York, scheduled to

In a statement issued in Cairo,

Abdul Meguid said the American

move had east doubt on Washington's

commitment to peace in the Middle

begin Dec. 1.

these resolutions would draw support

from the international community.

Nation as a whole.

closely connected with this decision.

"Regrettably, the motives behind

In a statement Petra. Masti said the

sory to such terrorism."

under consideration but said on army radio it "would still have to be discussed by the Likud minis-

Shamir's spokesman Yossi Ahimeir said the reports were "speculation." but acknowledged that Shamir has sought ways of renewing negotiations for a coalition with Labour.

"A way must be found to bring about talks for a broad and stable government. This he (Shamirl definitely wants." Ahimeir said in a telephone interview.

He added that Shamir hoped to form a government, with or without Labour, by the end of the

Labour officials responded skeptically to the reported compromise, but indicated it would be considered if offered.

"For those like me who oppose the Labour Party joining the government it won't matter whether Labour is offered the finance said party secretary ministry." and legislator Uzi Bar-Am. There will be a big struggle inside the party.

Hawkish Trade Minister Ariel

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Jordan spearheads bid to move U.N. session

"The Egyptian Foreign Ministry regrets the United State's refusal to

grant a visa to Yasser Arafat to

enable him to make a speech in front of the U.N. General Assembly..."

headqua0ers agreement signed in 1947." said Abdul Meguid.

"It is also against U.S. assentions.

as a major pany to the peace process, of its commitment to work towards

lasting peace in the region."

Abdul Meguid said Washington's

action should not discourage peace

"Barring Arafat... should not dis-courage forces working for a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

but it should be an incentive for the

moderate forces that gained wide international credibility to continue

effons to achieve peace and suppon Palestinian rights." he said.

New York in protest against the American decision, the traqi News Agency

Aziz also cancelled plans to visit

Kuwaiti Minister of State for

Al Rashed said his government "ex-

presses regret and surprise over such an attitude, which will have negative

Newspapers and officials through-

ism," said Arafat's chief deputy,

Salah Khalaf, in an interview with the

night reconsider its new, moderate

Chadli Klibi said the United States

was trying "to choke the voice of

peace and questioned whether Washington had abandoned responsi-

bility for Middle East peace.
Libya urged Arabs to work for the removal of United Nations headquar-

The Libyan news agency JANA said Washington's refusal to grant a

visa to Arafai was evidence of the

strategic harmony between the United States and Israel.

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Arab League Secretary-General

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impact on Middle East peace blow to PLO moves towards peace.

out the Arah World expressed shock and dismay at the U.S. decision.

"The Shultz statement... is tanta-mount to an open call for extrem-man for Arafat, told reponers the

AP in Kuwait.

He said if the U.S. continued to institution and the United States gov-

"This action contradicts the U.N.

powerful finance ministry was Sharon, architect of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, meanwhile tried Sunday to stop Likud from forming a government that would

deny him the defence ministry.

Sharon, 60, said he had persuaded the ultra-religious Agudat Israel party Saturday to join a Likud government, thus assuring Likud a parliamentary majority without Labour.

He said another coalition with the Labour Party would hamper Israel's ability to quell the 11month Palestinian uprising.

What is vital now is a government fit to make decisions, that acts as one." Sharon told reporters. "If the prime minister wants a government that can make decisions, he can present such a government this week."

News reports said Shamir was to discuss the coalition proposal with Peres after the weekly cabinet session Sunday, which convenes at Shamir's office.

Shamir and Peres have held no formal meeting since the Nov. I elections, when the Likud edged out Labour 40 seats to 39 in the 120-seat parliament.

The Algerian government criti-

Italy expressed "astonishment"

over the U.S. decision and sum-moned an embassy official to ask for

John Holmes, the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Rome, was summoned to the Foreign Minis-

ity and asked to provide "clarifications about the political and judicial mo-tives behind Washington's decision."

the Foreign Ministry said in a com-

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Sha-

mir proised the U.S. decision saying it would help thwan a PLO diplomatic

compaign for recognition of the new-ly-proclaimed Palestinian state.

Despite deep divisions. Shamir's main political rival. Foreign Minister

Shimon Peres of the Labour Pany.

also praised the move. He expressed

Israel's "appreciation of the decision"

in a telegram to Washington Saturday

night, a foreign ministry spokesman

occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip

denounced the U.S. decision as a

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United States had made "a big mis-

take by breaching the agreement... between the United Nations as an

James Abourezk, chairman of the

American-Arab Anti-Discomination Committee, said it-was "embarras-sing" and "shameful" that Shultz

"would allow Israel to dictate whom

the American people can or cannot

President-elect George Bush.

asked about the visi in Kennebunk-

where President Reagan is vacation-

Earlier this year, the U.S. Congress passed legislation to close the PLO's

observer mission at the U.N., but the

had no role in it."

Palestinians in both Israel and the

They noted the PLO had de-

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cised the American decision calling it "a negative and unjustifiable de-

Two Afghan rebel fighters keep watch over a strategic valley near the border with Pakistan

# Afghan rebels claim control of position strategic border

ISLAMABAD (AP) - Rebels tan for the hulk of its food. Sunday claimed to have regained control of a strategic border post on a critical supply route between Pakistan and the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

insurgents overran several Afghan government posts along the highway linking Pakistan and eastem Afghanistan.

They now claim to control a 35-kilometre stretch of the road. said Fazle Akhar, director of the pro-rebel Afghan Information

and Documentation Centre, Trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan has remained brisk despite 10 years of war between guerrillas, armed by Pakistan and the United States, and the Sovietbacked government in Kabul,

The provincial capital of Afghanistan's eastern province of Vangarhar is dependent on Pakis-

The baille for control of the border post at Torkham and the highway began Nov. 2 when in-surgents claimed victory, promising to keep the road closed until During a week of lighting that allalabad City was in guerrilla ended Saturday. U.S.-supported

Within two weeks Soviet commandoes, airlifted to Jalalabad from the Afghan capital of Kabul, made a sweep of the highway, eventually recapturing the border post, said Western and rebel sources.

Wasil Noor, spokesman for the seven-party Afghan guerrilla of Basawol, about 30 kilometres alliance headquartered in Pakis- east of the Afghan-Pakistan bortan's frontier city of Peshawar. said Sunday about 200 Afghan soldiers defected or surrendered in the latest fight for Torkham.

Noor said guerrillas encountered little resistance from govcause their food rations were Kahul's arsenal.

exhausted after rebels had hindered resupply efforts. When the government forces

Meanwhile, Akbar said two Soviet-made surface-ro-surface Scud missiles hit the Torkham area Salurday. There were no immediate reports of damage or

casualties. Akbar said one exploded near a guerrilla-controlled post near the border. Another landed, but did not explode, near the village

Scud missiles along with MiG-27 fighter jets were introduced into Afghanistan hy the Soviet Union earlier this month saying stepped up attacks by guerrillas ernment troops at Torkham be- made it necessary to upgrade

details until Monday. Wazir. 56 was on a three-day visit to the Detroit area from his home in Washington. Issae said. Wazir and several other people were gathering for an informal meeting at a surrendered. Noor said they complained "they were very local restaurant where a car drove by and someone in the vehicle fired about 10 shots at them. Issac said. The wounded man, Naji

'Fanatics not behind Assiut killing' CAIRO (AP) — The government implied Saturday that Muslim fundamentalists were not involved in the killing of a Christian

recognition of Israel.

Coptic priest in southern Egypt. The governor of Assiut province, Mohammad Abdul Halim Musa, was quoted by the state-run Middle East News Agency as saying that the 32-year-old priest was killed Thursday because of his attempts to reconcile a Coptic man and wife. He said Badri Khela Hanna, the brother of the der, said Akbar. husband who attended the reconciliation session, did not like the priest's judgement which he saw favouring the wife and openly

### MUSCAT (AP) - A 25-year-old mother of two was reported in good condition Saturday after surgeons at Muscat's Royal

Hospital carried out the country's first kidney transplant operation. "The operation was very successful and both patient and donor are doing extremely well," hospital curative services director Nasser Al Meimary said. A health service spokesman said the three-hour transplant operation by a resident Tanzanian and a visiting British surgeon took place Tuesday. The woman was not identified but sources at the hospital said she received a kidney from her brother, a policeman. The woman had been receiving dialysis treatment for kidney failure since July, according to Dr. Feidhlim Woods, a nephrologist at the hospital. Neighbouring countries, notably Saudi Arabia, have already developed kidney transplant programmes. But Oman faced problems setting up a similar facility because Omanis are traditionally reluctant to donate blood or a kidney.

# Iran halts prisoner exchange

NICOSIA tAPI - Iran said Sunday it was halting further prisoner of war (PoW) exchanges with Iraq until a full quota of Iranian PoWs is released, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Red Crosssponsored repatriation of sick and disabled prisoners from the Gulf war would be suspended pending return of the

numbers originally agreed. The International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) said fran and Iraq freed 71 disabled soldiers Sunday - 19 Iranians and 52 Iraqis - in the

third such swap this week. Iran has freed fewer prisoners than agreed, claiming that some Iraqis had sought asyluni and others had recovered from

their wounds and no longer were eligible. In retaliation, Iraq has released fewer Iranian PoWs.

port, Maine said: "No comment." White House spokesman Ben Jar-reit, in Santa Barbara, California, The exchange has been doeged hy disputes sirtee it began ine, said Reagan was aware of the State Department's decision, but Thursday. Iraq reduced the number of sick or wounded Iranian prisoners it allowed to return to Tehran after Iran cut the number of Iraqis sent to measure was overturned by a federal

# Iraqi president refuses clemency for son

BAGHDAD IAP) - President by the meeting's participants Saddam Hussein Saturday refused seeking a pardon for his 25-yeara clemency petition for his son Odai who stands accused of killing one of his father's hody-

In an address to an Arah youth meeting, the president said the authorities and they would make a decision in accordance with the

sponding to a petition submitted appeals.

old son, now under indictment in the death of Kamel Hana Jejjo Oct. 18. Similar calls for a pardon, including one from Jejjo's father

Huna, said to be a cook for the case had been referred to judicial president, have appeared in newspapers over the past few The president did not make

The Iraqi president was re- any comment on the newspaper

# Hassan II sees Saharan referendum favouring union

MADRID (R) - King Hassan of Morocco was quoted Sunday as dangerous virus for the national saying a referendum on the future unity of Mauritania and Algeria if of the Western Sahara would all the tribes also said they favour union with Morocco.

But he told the Spanish weekly magazine ABC a rise in nationalist sentiment among tribes in the United Nations last month in

North Africa would be dangerous for Morocco's neighbours. "I am sure the results of the referentiant will be positive for tous." integration with Morocco," Has-

san was quoted as saying. "If the results were the opposite, we will come to the conclusions that are necessias."

Morocco and independenceseeking Polisario Front guerrillas Spain in the first few months of agreed in Geneva in August on a 1989. ceasefire to be followed by a referendum on self-determina-

"I think it would be a very wanted to be independent," Hassan said,

Hassan called a Spanish vote in favour of direct talks between Rahat and the Polisario Front "Iruly unfriendly and gratui-

Spain, the former colonial power in Western Sahara, had asked him to negotiate with people that had no legitimacy, he But he added he wished to visit

King Hassan cancelled an official trip to Madrid in October after the Spartish vote.

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tumes over 100 years nld. Also massies from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760 Year-round, Tel. 601/40

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# Ajlouni to chair meeting on development of Aqaba hotels

AMMAN (Petra) — A meeting will be held in the coming week under the chairmanship of Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni to discuss matters related to the development of hotels in the port city of Aqaha in the light of reports prepared by a special committee about this subject, the minister announced Sunday.

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He said representatives of hotels and tourist and travel offices in the city will take part in the Aqaba Region Authority the meeting to review the reports in detail and to look into means nf providing further facilities and to be discussed.

updating the quality of tourist centres in the port city.

This step is required, he said, in order to face the growing tourist industry in the city in the coming season. The minister said that means of

developing hotel services will be among the main issue to be dis-

He said he sent a memorandum president to inform him of the meeting and the different topics

#### **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

KING CONGRATULATES MAURITANIA: His Majesty King Hussein sent a cahle to President Mua'wiya Weld Sid Ahmad Taye nf Mauritania, congratulating him in his own name and on behalf of Jordan's people and government on Mauritania's National Day, and wishing him continued good health and the Mauritanian people further progress and prosperity. (Petra)

KING SENDS CONDOLENCES: His Majesty King Hussein Sunday delegated his advisor for tribal affairs Col. Fawwaz Zaben Abdullah to convey his condolences to Al Sirhan tribes on the death of the late Sheikh Jalal Ihn Bali. (Petra)

PRINCE VISITS PSD: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representance of His Majesty King Hussein, Sunday visited the Public Security Department (PSD) and met with PSD Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and was hriefed on the PSD's new policy aimed at applying the comprehensive security

CABINET APPROVES REVISED LAW: The cabinet Sunday approved a revised law for the Jordan Engineers Association, which will serve as a provisional law as of the date of its promulgation in the gazette. The revised law waived the provision of obtaining the general secondary certificate, scientific stream for those who joined the university or an engineering college, before the enforcement of the law in 1986. (Petra)

OFFICIALS INSPECT MA'AN SCHOOLS: Ministry of Educatinn officials Sunday inspected the school huildings in Ma'an Governorate to assess the needs of these schools for maintenance, furniture, and to explore the possibility of using the computer in Ma'an Secondary School for Girls. (Petra)

**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:** Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jahr called on chairman of all municipal and village councils to direct special attention to the development programmes and to coordinate with the ministry in studying such projects and not to apply for any loans for service projects, except when there is a dire need for such loans.

HUMIDITY IN BUILDINGS: The Energy and Electricity Information and Advisory Centre Sunday organised a symposiuym on humidity in huildings in Jordan at the Yarmouk University. Addressing the symposium were a number of experts from Jordan, Denmark and West Germany. (Petra)

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS-TO ADU: Arah Dentists Union (ADU) Sunday urged the member states to honour their financial commitments to the union and called on the Arah governments and organisations to support financially the union by setting up joint projects with the World Health Organisation and the Arah League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation. The union currently meeting in Amman, elected Dr. Abdul Aziz Haj Ahmad of Jordan as assistant secretary of its executive board, which is headed by Dr. Abdullah Al Sibahi. (Petra)

FIXING PRICES OF CONSUMER GOODS: A committee charged with following up the government's recent economic, financial and monetary measures held a meeting Saturday evening under the chairmanship of Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Mohammad Saqqaf and set up sub-committees will prove the state for prices of consumer goods. The sub-committees will pave the way for a new index of prices of different products. (Petra)

NEW KARAK MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL: Karak Governor Mazen Al Ouran has announced the names of the new council members of Karak Municipality. These are: Abdullah Dumur, Ahmad Kafawin, Faisal Shamaileh, Salman Al Absiyat, Ali Karaki, Abdul Ilah Al Madadha, Odeh Al Ja'afreh and Abdullah Al Ja'afreh. The municipal elections took place in Karak Saturday.

HASHISH TRAFFICKER JAILED: The military court has sentenced Anwar Fikri Ahdullah Hussein to two years in prison and the payment of a JD 800 for trafficking with hashish. The military

governor Sunday endorsed the sentence. (Petra) SEMINAR ON SOCIAL WORK: A week-long training seminar on social work in the Tafileh region opened Sunday with the participation of 30 local women. The participants who all belong to charitable and voluntary centres in the Tafileh Governorate will hear lectures and get training on working out programmes for the

participation of women in development schemes. (Petra) CULTURAL FESTIVAL: Under the patronage of Culture and National Heritage Minister Dr. Mohammad Al Hammouri, the "National Book Festival" will be held at the public library in Anjara on Dec. 28, 1988. The festival will include various cultural activities, a national book exhibition, an art exhibition, the historical document exhibition, a children's drawing exhibition, and educational film

JUST BOOK EXHIBITION: Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Fayez Al Khasawneh Saturday opened the university book exhibi-tion. The five-day exhibition includes books in medical sciences, engineering, dictionaries, references, and other scientific and cultural

shows. The festival will run through Jan. 2, 1989. (Petra)

# **WHAT'S GOING ON**

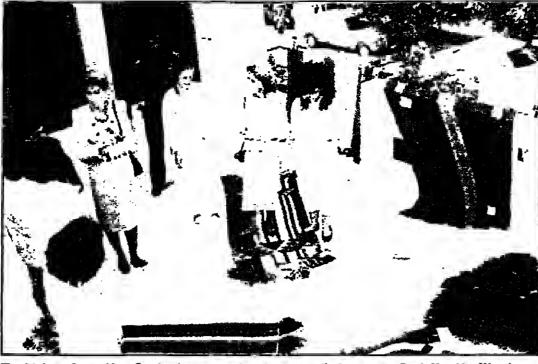
The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

# **EXHIBITIONS**

- ☆ An exhibition of iconographies, signs and public places by the German artist Otto Herbert Hajek at the Department of Architecture at the University of Jordan. A plastic art exhibition by 55 artists from Irbid Governorate at
- Irbid Youth Centre.  $\Rightarrow$  An exhibition covering T.S. Eliot's life and literary works at the
- British Council.
- A book exhibition at the Jordan University of Science and
- ★ The French week to exhibit the latest techniques used in the field of civil aviation at the Marriott Hotel.
- ☆ A cultural festival which includes a national book exhibition, an art exhibition, historical photos and documents exhibition, children's paintings and other activities at Anjara Public Library building Ajloun.

# LECTURES

- \* A lecture on music by National Music Conservatory Director Dr. Kifah Fakhouri at the Spanish Cultural Centre - 4:30
- ☆ Dr. Joseph A. Greens, Cultural Resource Mane ment (CRM) consultant to the Department of Antiquities, puts the results of phase 1 of the Archaeological Survey reader Amman (ASGA) at the American Centre of Orient: Research (ACOR)
- ☆ A health lecture on kidneys by Dr. 1 a Hamed at the Biology Auditorium, the University of Je = - 12 noon.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday inspects various items on display at the Bani Hamida Weaving Exhibition in South Shunch (Petra photo)

# **Queen Noor visits Bani Hamida** weaving exhibition in S. Shuneh

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Sea Queen Noor Sunday visited the

ronage last Friday, displays rugs, cushions and wall hangings, all

The project is a joint venture tion (NHF) and the Save the Children Federation,

In line with its concern for cultural and community development, the NHF is engaged in a scheme to revitalise Jordan's national handicrafts. The project for the promotion of handicrafts in Jordan has a three-fold goal of reviving and promoting a unique aspect of Jordan's national heritage, increasing work opportunities for low income families, and enhancing the status of women as wage-earners and decision-makers in their communities.

Her Majesty Queen Noor invited the Save the Children Federation to work on the project with Noor Al Hussein Founda-

The first programme in this major project is the Bani Hamida Women's Weaving Project, which was begun in September 1985 as a cottage industry to increase the incomes of Bedouin south of Madaba.

The Bani Hamida project involves 375 recently-settled Be-douin women. Seventy-five — Opening a multi-purpose kilometres from Amman, they live in ten villages scattered across the top of Jabal Bani Hamida, overlooking the Dead

Sudan where he made an assess-

ment of the volume of technical

and administrative assistance

needed by that country to mod-

ernise the Sudanese civil defence

In a statement upon returning to Amman, Tarawneh said his

visit was a continuation of Jor-

dan's efforts to help Sudan over-

enable the Arah country muster sufficient manpower and skill to

deal with further natural disas-

AMMAN (Petra) The Civil Ser-said. vice Commission (CSC) has Ar

the government of a list of

appointments in public service in August 1988, CSC President Ihra-

him Izzeddin announced Sunday.

there were 2,882 females and the

rest were males who were re-

cruited to fill posts upon the

recommendation of a special CSC

committee and a request by gov-

The committee has organised

their appointments, Izzeddin of 1988.

opened Monday at the municipality. (Petra)

ernment departments.

graduate doctors. (Petra)

He said out of this number

fence, interior and industry and ters Council.

Commission appoints 6,197

new government employees

services.

Tarawneh back from Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) — Civil De-fence Department (CDD) Direc-present situation in the country

tor Khaled Tarawneh Sunday re- and areas where improvement

turned to Amman after a visit to and modernisation should he

come the consequences of ments and several industrial condrought, famine and floods and cerns.

Tarawneh said he met with implementation of resolutions

Sudanese ministers of health, de- taken by the Arah Interior Minis-

appointed 6,197 employees in 4,375 teachers were appointed to different government departfill posts at schools run by the
ments since the endorsement by
Ministry of Education.

special tests for the applicants vacant posts at the ministries and before making a decision about various departments until the end

NEW DC JTORS: The Health Ministry has allowed eighty new

doctors to practise medicine in the Kingdom. This comes within the

framework of the efforts designed to reduce unemployment among

ANJ. RA PROJECTS: The Anjara Municipality asphalted 56,000 square metres of the township streets this year at the cost of JD

45,000. Anjara Mayor Naser Al Zaghloul has said that the Organisation of Arah Cities agreed in principle to grant the municipality a loan amounting to JD 75,000 to carry out useful

projects in the township. He added that the public library will be

To help raise their standard of Bani Hamida Weaving Exhibi- living, as well as their incomes, tion in South Shuneh and inspected various items on display there.

The exhibition, which was opened under the Queen's patnagement of household finances.

The women practice their craft. a heritage passed down from handmade of woollen material. mother to daughter for centuries, as spinners, dyers, loomsetters, hy the Noor Al Hussein Founda- and weavers. A new breed of young Bedouin women, the first in their tribe to attend school, are being trained as village super-

visors to help manage the project.
The project is hased in the home to allow mothers to participate while tending children and their flocks. It is at the same time helping to revive a craft that was fast dying out.

for spinners, dyers, loomsetters, weavers and village supervisors in 10 villages. Rug designs were modernised and markets developed. USAID awarded a 3year grant to enable project expansion in June 1987. This effort is being carried out in cooperation with the Ministries of Labour

and Social Development. In 1986, three exhibitions were held, two in Amman and one in Washington D.C. A similar ex-Last September a unique colwomen living in a remote area lection of rugs was exhibited in

Amman. Future plans of the NHF hand-

handicraft marketing and development centre focusing on raw material procurement and distribution, design development,

Tarawneh visited areas recent-

ly affected by floods and discus-

sed with civil defence authorities

means of providing rescue and

relief services to the stricken re-

agricultural projects, fire depart-

Tarawneh said Jordan will con-

tinue to extend aid to Sudan and

to offer training to Sudanese per-sonnel in civil defence fields in

Among the new employees,

Izzeddin said that among the

applicants there was no sufficient

numbers to take up the posts of

teachers of English, chemistry,

physics and mathematics, and the CSC had to recruit men with

degrees in these specialisations

after securing a postponement for

continue the process of filling

Izzeddin said that the CSC will

their national service.

He also toured a number of

domestic and export sales and skill and management training. — Organising in 1989 a National Handicraft Year, including exhihinons, symposia, workshops

and programmes in schools. - Holding three international exhibitions in 1989 to promote Jordanian handicrafts.

- Establishing satellite sales outlets in Agaha.

- Developing diversified marketable product lines in embroidery, weaving, ceramics, glass, hasketry and leatherwork

-conducting skill and technology training in embroidery, weaving, ceramics, glass, hasketry, leatherwork, small business management, simple accounting and

After the visit, the Queen held Save the Children Federation a meeting to discuss projects that organised a production network are being implemented by the Save the Children Federation in Jordan. These include embroidery, quilting and semi-cooked meals sold in shops and supermarkets.

The meeting, which was attended by NHF Director General Mrs. Inaam Al Mufti, Mrs. Laila Sharaf and Mrs. Rebecca Salti also discussed expanding the process of marketing the Bani Hamida rugs in Europe and North America and a meeting to hibition was held last November. be held in January here for the evalualtion of the project.

# Seminar urges better ways to manage water

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A regional seminar on management of water resources in urban regions Sunday called on governments and the public to encourage the use of special techniques that can ensure better financial and administrative management of water resources.

The recommendation was included with others in a final statement issued upon the conclusion of the seminar, which was called to look into measures that can be adopted to make available sufficient drinking water for all, and to rationalise the use of water for various purposes.

The statement recommended the installation of high quality water meters for reading the consumed amount and a continuous follow-up of maintenance on water networks and meters to ensure that no water supplies are

It called on governments to introduce a system by which peo-

ple with low income can pay less than other sectors and that the industrial and commercial sectors bear most of the cost of the water

supply.

The seminar underlined the importance of the role of public relations and the relaying of information to the members of the public in ways of rationalising the consumption of water.

Water resources development level and the task of water deshould be entrusted to a semistatement said.

The pipes to be used in the

networks should be adapted to the environment, the soil and to the nature of water itself, the statement added.

The seminar was opened last Saturday by Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan, who spoke ahout the water situation in Jordan and said the Kingdom was expected to require nearly 266 million cubic metres of water for annual consumption by the year 2005.

He also said that nearly 99 per cent of the population in the country receive water from water networks in the urhan regions.

The seminar which was organised by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation in cooperation with the World Health Organisation and the World Bank was should be planned at the national attended by delegates from Jordan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, velopment and supply of water Bahrain, North and South Yemen, Egypt. Iraq, Kuwait, independent department, the Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arahia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and

# **Princess Basma, Duchess of Kent** discuss QAF works, achievements

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, chairman of the board of trustees of Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF) Sunday discussed with the Duchess of Kent, who is also honnrary member in the OAF, the fund's activities and achievements in the field of social

ess the projects carried out by the community in the various parts of QAF, and the tund's future pro- the Kingdom. iects in the field of establishing social development centres and

saying such efforts had contri- Jordan.

She also reviewed with the duch- buted to developing the loc...

The guest then watched a rehabilitation of the disabled. documentary film on the fund's The Duchess of Kent voiced activities since its establishment. appreciation of Princess Basma's The Duchess of Kent arrived efforts and those of the QAF, here Saturday on few-day visit to

# Hindawi back from U.K.

AMMAN (Petra) - Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Hindawi returned home Sunday after a week-long visit to Britain, during which he held talks with British officials on means of developing bilateral relations in educational field, with special focus on the application of computer technol-

ogy in government schools. In an arrival statement, Hindawi said that he also discussed the potential role of the British Development Ministry in supporting teachers training in technology and computer fields.

# Cabinet approves loan pact between IDB, European bank

council of ministers has endorsed ment. an agreement between the Industrial Development Bank (IDB) and the European Investment Bank which grants the former a loan of one million European Currency Units (ECUs).

The council also endorsed another agreement under which the European Investment Bank will grant the Agricultural Credit sign the agreement in Brussels on

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - The hehalf of the Jordanian govern-

On Nov. 15 the European Community initialled another agreement with the Ministry of Planning to offer Jordan a grant of one million ECUs to help finance scholarships and training programmes benefitting Jordanian government employees.

The programmes are for train-Corporation a loan of eight mil- ing Jordanian personnel in agrilion ECUs and authorised Jor- culture, industry, science and dan's ambassador to Belgium to technology in a number of European countries.

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# Shame on the U.S.

THE U.S. State Department's refusal to grant PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat a visa to enable him to travel to New York and address the United Nations General Assembly is impolite, miscalculated and an open slap in the face of all peace-loving nations.

To accuse Arafat, who has guided his people's struggle for independence through a moderate course, of supporting terrorism and thus of being ineligible to travel to the "land of the free" is at best uninhibited hypocrisy on the part of a country whose name would not survive even a casual scrutiny of the international record of political terrorism for decades

Secretary of State George Shultz, who is said to have taken the decision on his own, no doubt urged on hy his Zionist friends, has been claiming over the years that he was pushing the Middle East peace process forward. We wonder on which direction is Shultz now pushing that process. Certainly, his decision only pleases the Israeli leaders who adamantly reject all peace hids, even those advocated by Shultz himself. Perhaps Shultz was exercising his power to present the Israeli leaders with one parting gift. While the entire world, including American allies and friends, were waiting to hear Arafat's offer of peace - particularly now that he has the mandate of the Palestine National Council and even the endorsement of hardline Palestinians and Arabs — Shultz opted to defy his own advisers at the State Department and went solely on his decision without even the president having a say in it. No wonder, Shimon Peres, Israel's "advocate of peace," was quick to respond with his 'appreciation of the decision."

Now that the U.S. has shown its true colours, it is up to the United Nations, under constant financial pressure from the U.S., to decide whether or not to move the General Assembly session on Palestine to Geneva to enable the leader of the Palestine liberation movement to address the world

We cannot but recall what Arafat warned when he declared an independent state at the PNC session in Algiers earlier this month. "I can always come back to the PNC and tell them that our hid for peace has fallen on deaf ears." If that happens, God forhid, and the Middle East edges again towards violence, then the U.S., the U.S. alone, will bear the brunt of the blame.

# ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily Sunday discussed the prisoners of war exchanges between Iran and Iraq and Iran's failure to repatriate the ill prisoners to Iraq in accordance to the original agreement sponsored by the Red Cross. Iran seems to be dragging its feet in the exchange process and not displaying humanitarian feelings towards the incapacitated humans in captivity, the paper noted. The paper advises the Iranains to be more positive in their attitude so as to create a favourable atmosphere that could pave the way for the repatriation of all prisoners of war held captive by both sides. Any further procrastination in repatriating the Iraqi ill and handicapped prisoners would not contribute to the aspired peace, nor would it help build bridges of understanding between the Arabs and the Iranians, the paper added. It said that Iraq's positive stand vis-a-vis this issue should prompt Tehran to act wisely so that the people of the two neighbouring Muslim states have new hope for peace.

The editor of Al Ra'i daily Sunday tackles the question of Washington's rejection of PLO chief Yasser Arafat's request for a visa to visit New York and address the U.N. General Assembly. The rejection was not a mere shock to the world hut also marked a new blow to all the ideals and international laws to which the United States claims to be adhering. Rakan Al Majali writes. Washington has announced its rejection of Arafat's request under the pretext of fighting terrorism and the allegation that the PLO condones terrorism. But Majali says there can be nothing more dangerous than the acts of political terrorism which the U.S. exercises against the Palestinian people's rights and U.S. encouragement of the Zionist state to practice oppression against the people of Palestine. What could be the political stand and the value of any attitude of such a superpower after taking such a decision, and what creditbility would that superpower possess? asks the writer. Arafat was instrumental in prompting the PLO to accept U.N. Security Council Resolutions 338 and 242, a decision which was coupled with the acceptance of peace and renunciation of any form of terrorism. Majali continues. He says that the Algiers proclamation has exposed to the whole world the ugly face of Zionism and the international terrorism exercised by the U.S. and Israel and their misregard for all values and principles. and their hostile attitudes towards peace.

Al Dustour daily discussed U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar's report to the United Nations on the situation in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories. The paper cited parts of the report in which the secretary general describes the inhuman practices against the civilian population, and said that the international community should take proper and speedy action to protect the civilians from continued Israeli atrocitics. The people of Palestine, the paper noted, are maintaining the struggle to regain their rights and their homeland; and the Israeli repressive measures can by no means stop the uprising, the paper noted. The U.N. and the secretary general should act now to stop the killing of innocent civilians, violations of human rights and international laws, demolitions of Arab homes, deportations and other forms of criminal actions committed by the Israelis in the occupied territories, the paper said.

Sawt Al Shanh daily commented on Arafat's visit to Jordan following the proclamation of the independent Palestinian state. The paper said thanks to Jordan's continued support for the Palestinians and King Hussein's decision to sever ties with the West Bank, the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship has been greatly strengthened and bilateral cooperation boosted. The paper echoed King Hussein's statements to the BBC last week in which be said Jordan has no ambitions in other territories and its main objective is to help the Palestinians regain their lands and

# Break the ice

OUR security leadership and manpower are doing such a commendable job in our cities and towns that they have become the envy of many countries and governments. The high profile. dedication and efficiency of our police force have contributed to this happy state of affairs and we are all proud of them.

Yet, there is always room for improvement of our police forces in some domains that have been bypassed or neglected. The singular most important feature that can be introduced to our police forces in this context is the public relations dimension. I think the incorporation of public relations departments into our police system at the regional and sub-regional levels could go a

long way to ameliorate the overall pieture.

When one talks of public relations activities one does not think only in terms of entertainment or planning visits of dignitaries whether local or foreign. What I have in mind is the establishment of public relation sections attached to major centres of police operations whose mandate and mission would be to establish a

rapport between policemen and citizens.

The purpose would be to change the existing situation where

doubt permeates the relations between the average man or women on the street and the rank and file of the police force. We should strive for a police-public relation that is characterised by friendship and alliance. What could be done in this vein is plentiful.

Even a friendly smile and a warm handshake between the two sides could break the ice that sometimes unfortunately exists. Social functions bringing the police departments closer to their communities can also lend support to this objective.

A model police force to emulate in this context is the Japanese police force. The Japanese have succeeded not only in creating an efficient and effective police force eapable of solving up to 85 per cent of all crimes but also a security force that enjoys the most amiable relations with the public. There is an alliance between the Japanese police force and the Japanese public that made the success story of the Japanese police force a reality. The main feature of the bright Japanese experience is their ability to strike a harmonious relations between the various sectors of their society including the police system. The average Japanese policeman

engages the public with a friendly smile that immediately conveys the impression that he is on the same side with the public that he seeks to protect and safeguard.

When one talks of smiles and friendly exchange of greetiogs one does not think only of their literal meanings. There is a whole set of guidelines that go along with the spirit of harmonious and set of guidelines tout go along with the spirit of nationhous and positive interrelations between the two sides that could be incorporated in the overall policy geared for healthier relationships between our policemen and our citizens.

This is not the time or place to spell out all these principles. I am sure that our leaders in the security section of our society know very well how to energise the interrelations between them and the people that they want to protect. Our streets and cities and towns are among the safest in the world. The credit goes to our police forces and their superiors. We want to keep our neighbourhoods seeme and safe by forging a stronger alliance between us and them. That is why an additional rapport between the two sides could make that objective more achievable.

# Armenia, Azerbaijan uneasy neighbours for centuries

By Patrick Worsnip Reuter

LONDON - Caught in the crunch of big-oower politics at the frontiers of Europe and Asia, Christian Armenians and Muslim Azerbaijanis have for generations vented their frustrations on each

Uneasy neighbours in the Caucasus Mountains, straddling the borders of Russia, Turkey and Iran, neither nation has had a durable independent state of its own in modern times.

Instead, since the tsars moved into the Caucasus in the early 19th century, both peoples have seen their ancestral lands divided between two powers — Armenia between Russia and Turkey, and Azerbaijan between Russia and

It was the Romanov dynasty's expansionist policy that stitched together the country now called the Soviet Union. The tsars annexed Latvia. Lithuania and Estonia in the late 18th century. then Armenia, Georgia and

Azerbaijan, and finally a vast, since St. Gregory the Illuminator swathe of Central Asia in the mid-19th century.

The Romanovs were swept away over 70 years ago, but with the latet clashes in the Caucasus and autonomist moves in the Baltic states the ethnic problems they left behind have come back to haunt the Soviet Union's present ruiers.

Greater freedoms introduced by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev have lifted the lid on long pent-up emotions among the "family of nations," as Soviet publicists call the more than 100 nationalities inhabiting the 15

Soviet republics. Friction between Armenians and Azerbaijanis is rooted deep in their region's turbulent past. Repeated invasions scattered

the two peoples through the mountainous area, often leaving them living side-by-side as frontiers were arbitrarily changed by the great powers.

The Armenians, whose recorded history goes back at least 2.500 years, have been Christians

converted their ruler Tiridates 111 about 300 A.D. Theirs has sometimes been called the oldest Christian nation in the world.

The Azerbaijanis, inhabiting an area further east and speaking a language akin to Turkish, were converted to Islam by Arab conquerors in the 7th century. In the days of Julius Caesar.

Greater Armenia was a power to be reckoned with, but the country lost its independence at the end of the 14th century.

In 1915 the Ottoman Turkish government. believing the Armenians were collaborating with its enemey Russia in World War I. ordered them deported from eastern Turkey. Hundreds of thousands died in

what the Armenians still charge was attempted genocide. Turkey denies there was any deliberate

There had been bloodshed, too, on the Russian side of the border. A war between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in 1818-20 is thought to have killed one-fifth troubles in the Caucasus.

of the population of Karabagh (now Nagorno-Karabakh), an Armenian cuclave in Azer-

There were further bloody clashes between the two penples in 1905 in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, and they fought again over Karabagh in 1918.

The Armenians have generally been well-disposed towards Moscow, seeing the Soviet republic of Armenia as the nearest thing they are likely to get to an independent state, and also as a bulwark against the hated Turks.

But there has been lingering resentment over decisions on enclaves taken in the early 1920s.

Nakhichevan, a district with a large Azerbaijani eommunity sandwiched between Armenia and Iran, was awarded to Azer-haijan. The Soviets also put Karahagh, a 75 per cent Armenian area surrounded by Azerbaijan, under Azerbaijani control.

Moscow's refusal to change the status of Nagorno-Karabakh has been at the centre of this year's

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# Loud and clear

FINALLY, after decades of leading the Arab World by the nose with the farce of seeking a just settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the American leadership has bared its ugly snout by denying an entry visa to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to address the United Nations and present the Palestinian and Arab view of a solution. The rejection has forn down the last veil that thinly covered the firm American position that if there ever was to be a peace settlement in the Middle East it has to be on Zionist-American terms which have nothing to do with justice, least of all for the Palestinians.

The U.S. State Department can issue a million-word statement citing legal parameters and "terrorism" to justify the denial of a visa to Arafat, but it cannut hope to hide the fact that it only wants to deprive the PLO leader of an opportunity to present to the international community the Palestinian case and the PLO's acceptance of international legitimacy as the basis for a solution to their quest for independence and self-determination. Needless to say, if Arafat can get his message across to the U.N. in so many words the obvious loser is Israel, the staunchest American ally in

The battle lines are drawn; and there is no use pinning the faintest bope on the U.S. for a just settlement to the conflict in the Middle East. It is not only the Zionist lobby but also the American political leadership that wants a dictated settlement in the Middle East. That is precisely the loud and clear message we are getting from Washington. So much for the years of efforts that were wasted in shaping a moderate international platform and political agenda for the Palestinian struggle. What political consideration and justification could there be for an administration in its last throes in office to reject a legitimate peace bid by one of the main parties involved in a violent conflict that spanned forty years and five wars? It is not as if granting a visa means an independent Palestinian state, but perhaps Washington has become so paranoid that anything remotely connected to Palestinian rights is anothema

One could acutely bear those great men who penned the great constitution of the United States of America turning over in their graves and wishing they could sink deeper into the earth and avoid any linkage with their successors who have no qualms over openly Douting the noble principles of freedom, liberty, fraternity, independence and self-determination that their country was founded and thrived on.

In a way, the American move has also done a great favour to the Palestiniao cause, in that it reinforced the true image of the U.S. as the bully of the world and showed to the international community bow biased and stubborn the United States of America could be in its double-faced interpretation of various regional issues and how protective it could be when it comes to its own "strategic" Interests, whether in the Middle East. Asia or Latin America, The question that remains is: Will the European states, which have a long record of turning towards Washington for political leadership when it comes to major issues, pick up the cue and move to protect their own "strategic" interests which are not exactly the American version? Will they accept and respond appropriately the reality that their "big brother" across the Allantic has nothing but his own interests at heart and that justice and fairness have turned alien words to him?

Indeed, there have been receot signals from Europe that the continent is not exactly happy to kowtow to American whims and fancies over the foture of entire peoples. But can the Europeans break down the psychological barriers and look at things differently, with a little more sense of justice and fairness this time? Are they willing to take the lead in pushing for a just Middle East peace, which is indeed of paramount interest to them?

# Apartheid loses its last buffer

THE popping of champagne corks in Geneva hopefully ushered in a new era for the long-troubled Southern African region. There now remains only the problem of South Africa's future to be resolved.

In Switzerland toasts were being drunk to celebrate an agreement reached hetween Angolan, Cuban and South African delegates, with the United States as a mediator.

The accord is designed to achieve two long-sought aims to bring independence to Namibia and peace to Angola. These two issues had become inextricably intertwined since South Africa insisted on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, ravaged by civil war since its independence 13 years ago.

This was Pretoria's pre-condition for surrendering control of Namibia, the former German colony which it has been administering, in defiance of the United Nations, since the First World

The Geneva agreement, which

is subject to ratification by the three governments, has been likened to the last major breakthrough in the region eight years ago. This was the ending of the Rhodesian racist regime and the subsequent emergence of an independent Zimbabwe.

It is now expected that the seven month countdown to Namihia's independence will start in February, culminating in elections under UN supervision. But the Geneva accord will not automutically bring an end to Angola's internal conflict.

However, there are hopes that the protagonists, the Marxist MPLA and the rival nationalist emup. UNITA, will meet soon in an effort to reach a settlement.

Following the departure of the colonial power. Portugal, the MPLA gained power in Luanda with help from communist countries, including Cuban troops, who are now believed to number about 50.000

Few doubt that a resolution of the Namibian and Angolan problems will not have profound im-

plications for Southern Africa's municipalities it captures in last future. But South Africa's departure from Namibia will have an added significance in Africa and elsewhere. For it will be seen as a loss to

apartheid of its last buffer against he reality represented by independent Africa outside the

Until the mid-1970s South Africa was shielded from this by the then Portuguese colonies of Angola and Mozambique, as well as by the racist Rhodesian regime. It remains to be seen whether the withdrawal from Namibia will concentrate minds and bring nearer a solution of the republic's own problems.

Some of the latest events there do not augur well in this respect. These show that the apartheid clock could be turned back, negating the reforms of recent

The breakaway Conservative Party, which now constitutes the official opposition, appears deterold-style apartheid in the 90 of so tures.

month's local elections.

"Whites only" signs were already re-appearing as the party vowed that public facilities which had been de-segregated, would be re-segregated. These would include amenities such as transport, parks, theatres and swim-

The threat drew a stinging retort from President Botha who asked whether the Conservatives had considered the international repercussions. It was easy, he said, to "crow" but a different matter to defend South Africa's case abrnad and keep sanctions at

However, the regressive steps contemplated enuld eventually cost the dichard white supremacists dear. Some observers believe that one of the government's responses to this challenge from the right could be to revert to a common electoral roll for white. Asian and coloured mined to restore aspects of the (mixed race) voters - Lion fea-

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# Legal aid centre teaches women their civil rights

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- Poor women in Jordan with legal problems can take ould be refugee at the Arab Consultant Centre where lawyers will either offer advice or will take the case in court.

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Established in 1984 as an advisory service for women in need of legal, social, psychological and family consultations, the Arab gries to i Consultant Centre in 1986 began offering legal services at a reduced fee to women of lower economic status.

According to the head of the centre, Buthenia Jardaneh, 45 lawyers, 14 of which are female. "have more or less volunteered their services." The lower num-RUM ber of female lawyers is due to the uneven ratio of male to semale in this field, added Jar-

There has been a positive response to the centre, largely due to the wide publicity the centre the new received in newspapers, on the ab-Israei radio and television and through snow by word of mouth, as a place which irafat is "enligblens" women of their and Arab rights and obligations.

leil the According to Jardaneh, hefore er was the centre was established, a surbe a vey of 480 women from all social h justice backgrounds indicated that women were facing problems and statement inecded belp.

"Women, or men for that mat-1/1 Hans ter, do not know what their rights at to the or obligations are, and end up e PLOs losing their rights as a result. durion in Since all our work is confidential. redless to the women trust us and come to so man us. We try to belp them in underao ally a standiog what is in the law for

them." sbe said. Over the past three years, hunict in the dreds of women have benefitted merica from the centre. Daily an average e Middle of two to three women visit the ceotre located in Jabal Al Webdeh.

In 1986 a total of 450 cases were brought to the centre, of which 199 required court actions to settle them. Of these, however, only 113 could be taken to court because of shortage of

In the following year, 570 cases were presented to the lawyers at the centre. Again due to lack of funding, only 131 of the 220 cases that needed adjudication actually reached the courts.

This year, 245 cases have so far been brought to the centre, but as the institutes budget ceiling caters for only 150 court actions to date 137 cases have appeared to court.

Divorce is involved in the majority of the cases brought to the centre. However, "not all the cases which are brought to the centre need legislation. Many times advice or solving the problems through peaceful means it enough," Jardaneh said.

An example of a typical day at the centre is as follows: a woman comes in with a complaint, usually a result of the financial problems the family is facing. Jardaneh explained that most of the cases have to do with the hushand not having enough money because he is either a gambler or a drunkard and spends the money on cards and drink; or he has married another woman and must therefore support two households; or he has too many children and his wife wants to live at a higher standard than her husband can afford.

"We try to convince the woman to allow us to talk to her husband. But sometimes the woman is afraid and refuses such a request," she said.

If a peaceful solution is impossible and legal advise is futile. then the case, if it is linked to a legal issue, is transferred to the legal committee, which consists of two legal consultants who work part time at the centre. After a



Amman's Business and Professional Women Club hold their a seminar in 1985 on detention in the Jordanian law (file photo).

and it is decided that a lawyer is needed, a social study is made by the Ministry of Social Development on the woman's social status. Once the woman's social status is determioed, a lawyer will take up the case.

The legal committee is also in charge collecting funds for the centre. According to Jardaneh, most of the financial assistance is from different international organisations, the General Union of Voluntary Societies and individual donors. Approximately JD 200 is needed for each case.

A renewed attempt to increase fundings is presently on the agen-"We are presenting our proposal to the Ministry of Social Development, the GUVS and international organisations. We hope to have a budget for 250 cases next year." The lectures which centre offic-

ers give throughout the country, sometimes as often as two times a week, are free of charge. These lectures are arranged through voluntary societies, schools or social development centres.

The centre has a joint programme with the institution for modern development for weekly lectures in all areas in the Kingdom. After the lectures, the team of lawyers and psychological consultants receive cases.

Jordan will see another consultant office opened in Irbid in the near future. "Irbid was chosen because it is quite far from Amman, and the womeo in Irbid and

study has been made of the case from the surrounding areas need a place to turn to when legal problems arise.

The Arab Consultant Centre is a project of the Amman Business and Professional Business Women Club, which was founded in 1976 by Inam Al Mufti, The club is also affiliated with the international federation of business and professional women which includes more than a quarter of a million working women in over sixty five countries and has an advisory seat in the United Nations.

Over the past 12 years, two clubs, in addition to the one in Amman, were opened in Madaba and Karak. Overall, there are approximately 500 members, all who are either professional or husiness women. All three centres have contributed to spreading awareness about the situations women are subjected to and ways out of their plight, said Hind Abdul Jaber, president of the association.

She described to the several projects of the club, most importantly the small business counselling, as a means to further help women. Solving women's problems is not eoough, economic emancipation must accompany

The club receives its funds from membership fees (JD 6), and grants from the Ministry of Social Development, the General Unioo of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), and U.N. organisa-

# Visiting the wonders of Egypt

By Doug Graham

CAIRO - Sometimes it becomes so difficult to tear your eyes from the splendor of ancient Egypl. due to the visual wealth of over 4,000 years of civilisation.

First, there is the Nile itself. serene, unchanging, ceaselessly flowing. Then there are the monuments of ancient Egypt, crowned by the pyramids, which of all the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, are the only survivors. The tombs, temples, painting and artifacts of ancient Egypt reveal a sophisticated, lively, and cultured society. Then, there are the mosques and citadels of Islamic Egypt, as well as Coptic churches and museums. Finally, there are the Egyptians themselves, a vibrant, extremely numerous group of people that

enjoy life as much as possible. One need not be wealthy to visit Egypt, but at least a little intrepid. The main obstacles to visiting the country, though, are horror stories. Critics say Cairo is dirty, crowded, noisy, and polluted. The pyramids are disappointing, they say. Egypt contains rapacious taxi drivers, con artists, and thieves. Everyone who goes there gets sick from the food.

The truth is that Egypt is much bener than people paint it. Yes. Cairo is dirty, and crowded, but not unbearably so. It is also a fascinating, and vibrant city. If hear bothers you, go in October, or other cooler months. Yes, the taxi drivers are obnoxious, but what nationality of taxi driver

One reason I enjoyed Egypt is that I planned my trip well. The secret to enjoying Egypt is this: the country is already inexpensive, so don't try to economise too much. My approach was

Staying in 5-slar hotels is not cheap, but who wants to waste a vacation sick from contaminated food? If one must economise, my suggestion is this, stay in a 3-star,

but eat at the five-stars. A piece of advice: take the government limousines in to town. They cost 15 pounds, whereas your taxi driver may try, like ours did, to cheat you of an additional 20 pounds. In any event, justice was served. He was nabbed by the tourist police who were established to put an end to such unpleasantness. The best time to see the pyra-

mids is either in the morning, or evening, although some people go at both times to get nice photographs. After nightfall, the pyramids and Sphinx come alive with a oice sound and light show. Don't miss the restored Royal Barge, beside the Pyramid of Cheops. Two barges, one of which remains below ground, were disassembled and placed in limestone-lined pits. One of these was removed, and reassembled. The entire craft is in a specially atmospherically-controlled hall where viewers can marvel at the preservation of the craft.

The pyramids themselves are impressive, and though some say is not worth entering them, I say go ahead. Otherwise, you'll feel like a dope when friends ask what it was like and you only shrug your shoulders. Only the smallest of the three has much interior ornamentation,

The pyramid complex as Sakara is also worth a visit. It contains the oldest stone structure of man, the step pyramid of Dioser, whose architect, Imenhotep, was eventually defied, Djoser's pyramid cannot be enbasic. I booked all my stays in tered, but a smaller, nearby pyra-Sheraton hotels, through the mid, as well as interesting offi-

Riyadh Sheraton, and booked my cial's tombs can be. The last cruise on the Sheraton's cruise nearby site is that of Memphis. A prostrate colossus of Ramesis is the finest work there, as well as a medium-sized Sphinx. But otherwise, there is linke left to indicate that the site was for centuries one of Egypt's most important reli-

> One interesting, if slightly hokey place, is Dr. Ragab's Floating Papyrus Museum. The museum includes a tour demonstrating ancient Egyptian life. Actors show how they farmed, fished, and made papyrus, weapons, pottery, statues, and mud bricks. We were shown how Egyptians harvested wheat and winnowed it over 4,000 years ago. Later, when we cruised up the Nile, we looked out and saw Egyptians of today harvesting and winnowing wheat exactly the

For those on a short schedule, it is best to fly up to Luxor, or Aswan. Others recommend taking the sleeper train, but again, schedule the flight ahead of time. That goes double for the train, which is usually filled by tour

I flew to Luxor, and stayed in the Luxor Sheraton. Luxor is probably the most interesting place in the world for dedicated Egyptologists. Across the Nile is the Valley of the Kings, the collossi of Memmon, the Valley of the Queens, the Tombs of the Nobles, the Tomb of Queen Hapshetsul, and others. It takes a day, easily, to go below earth to see all of these. The solemn splendor of the royal tombs is a contrast to the tombs of the nobles, near the ancient village where the workmen lived. Their painted scenes show more of the everyday life of Egypt than the solemn magical hieroglyphic murals in Thutmose's tomb. Only one of the royal tombs, that of

intact, that was because construction of another, more important king's tomb, covered the entrance of his with rubble. Thus, King "Tut" is the best known of all the Pharoahs in modern times.

On the Luxor side of the river, is the beautiful temple of Luxor. which has a sound and light show in the evening. Further north is the amazing complex of Karnak, devoted mainly to the god. Amon. It is a fabulously complex structure, with gigantic pillars several metres thick, and more than 20 metres tall. It has the sound and light show of all.

Other sights, such as Dendara, are a few hours away.

The Mausoleum of the Aga Khan is nearby, though of greater interest are the ancient Egyptian quarries. The famous unfinished obelisk demonstrates the incredible skills of the ancient Egyptians. To break out blocks of stone, the Egyptians drilled small holes in which they pounded dry wooden pegs. The pegs were soaked with water, and then expanded, which cracked the gra-

Finally, one must visit the Cairo Museum.

Egypt itself was a treasurehouse of experiences, lt was slightly chaotic, but mainly in a fun way. By the end of the tour, I read enough books, and saw enough temples to know the difference between hieroglyphic and hieratic script, between Old Kingdom and New Kingdom art, the layout of the temples, and to differentiate between the major gods of the Egyptian pantheon. That was the most magical part of the trip. To visit Egypt is to go on an enjoyable educational journey where you learn about the Egyptians of over 4,000 years ago, and the Egyptian of today. You will not be disappointed — Arab the young and insignificant Phar- News.

from the Institut du Monde Arabe

# An Arabian Nights palace in Paris

that it ON the bank of the Seine, opposite the apse of Notre-Dame. roped following the line of Boulevard iffered Saint-Germain, stands a palace ne? At from the Tales of the Arabian the Mights. It is the Institute of the

The site where it stands is situated just between two kinds of urban fabric, one traditional. the Ile Saint-Louis, and the other more modern with the Faculty of Jussieu. This architectural jewel, made of glass and chrome is the exact answer in this context. It completes the layout of the Faculty of Jussieu and attaches Boulevard Saint-Germain to its quay. For the passer-by strolling along the river-banks, the Institute, at first sight, seems to blend into its environment. But his eye will irresistibly be drawn back to it, as it has caught sight of something out of the norm: a reflection caught on a curve where there is

precisely nothing to reflect. Taking up the historical themes of Arab geometry, the glazed facade contains a screen between the panes of glass. It consists of a variable lattice-work based on the principle of the diaphragm. A photo-electric cell makes it possible lo cootrol the light coming in. according to the amount of sunlight. The diaphragms open and close depending on the amount of light outside. (The southern facade has 240 diaphragms cootaining 16,000 movable parts). This technological geometry the modern transposition of the most noble patterns of great Arab

The Institute is cut in two by a break ending in a courtyard in the heart of the building, thereby expressing the interiority characteristic of the architecture in the Arab World.

Towards the quay, the curtain wall is striped horizontally by "blinds", consisting of metal bars at 50 ceotimetre intervals. There are three layers of glass on top of each other. One is finely striped every 6 centimetres and the other two, engraved with dotted lines, are superimposed and complete each other.

Inside, there are cootradictory areas, either compressed or free. There is the comprehension of the low rooms, the spatial shock of the Book Tower, the Verticality of the transparent hall rising up, and the horizons with views towards Notre-Dame.

Perhaps in reading these linesyou will think "after all, it's only a metallic building, a fine technological construction!". The reality is quite different. The technological feats are kept secret, surpassed by the aesthetic choices of sharpness, transparency and brilliance. The architect, Jean Nouvel, assisted by the team from Architecture Studio and the Saudi-Arabiao Zyad Zaidaoe have succeeded in reconciling Arab culture and western culture in the same work.

This building becomes the sym-

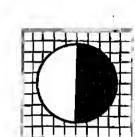
bol of the friendship between twenty-one states which want the Mediterranean to be, not a separation, but a link between them - French features.

By Benedicte Meyssan



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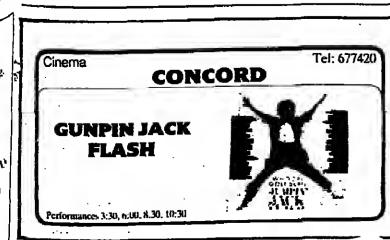
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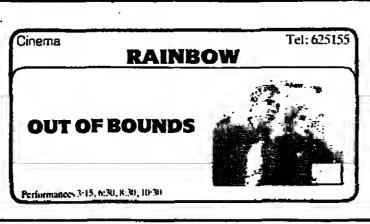
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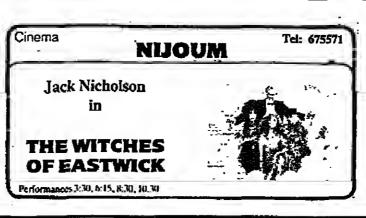
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# **OPEC** hits unexpected snag

VIENNA (R) — Iran accused Saudi Arabia Sunday of trying to sabotage an OPEC agreement to cut oil production as a last-minute hitch arose in marathon talks in Vienna.

here, Feredoon Barkeshly, said his country rejected Saudi Arabia's sudden new injection into the agreement of a \$15 to \$18 a barrel range for oil prices and

"This can sabotage the agree-ment... it can totally sabotage the agreement.

Ministers from the 13-nation group had been on the verge of signing an agreement to slash output by up to 20 per cent, but the sudden new Saudi proposal threw the conference into tur-

OPEC went into emergency talks over Riyadh's proposal which delegates said at best would delay signature of a deal and at worst risked opening a new split in the group.

"Iran is not going to accept this type of idea," Barkeshly told reporters. "Iran will not shoulder the responsibility of any complications.

"People are coming up with new ideas which were never discussed and we never knew about it. We are not going to accept anything besides what we had decided here with the minister," he said.

The Iranian minister, Gholamreza Agazadeb, had carried a draft agreement back to Tehran Friday and the Iranian leadership announced earlier Sunday that it

The draft underlined OPEC's commitment to defend its target

Iran's senior OPEC delegate two years but now largely academic as prices have slid for

> But the draft made no mention of the \$15 per barrel floor price now being suggested by Saudi The earlier Iranian cabinet

> acceptance had appeared to remove the last obstacle to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) efforts to secure a deal with all 13 members to limit output in the first six months of 1989 to 18.5 million barrels a day.

The OPEC proposal endorsed by the Iranian leadership included permission for Tehran's former Gulf war enemy Iraq to produce same amount of oil as Iran, giving each a 14.27 per cent share of the overall ceiling.

It was a bitter row between Iran and Iraq, which is historically the smaller producer of the two. over this parity issue that had kept the Vienna talks in deadlock for the first eight days.

The way then seemed clear to signature of an accord, but within an hour of the endorsement from Tehran, Barkeshly was giving hints of the impending storm. "There are certain points that

have to be cleared. I haven't said a word on acceptance," he said. He later said the Iranian cabinet had only endorsed the draft agreement that Aqazadeh carried back to Tehran and he would not be returning to enter

into further negotiations.

returning," Barkesbly said. "It is confirmed that he is not going to confirm the confirmed that he is not going to confirmed the confirmed that he is not going to confirmed the confirmed that he is not going to come back. I am authorised to sign what was earlier agreed to on his behalf. No additions, no major diversions like this," he

Oil prices soared at the end of last week on optimism that the group was about to form a united front in its bid to mop up the glut on world markets which is de-

Iraq had boycotted productionsbaring agreements for two years because of Iran's refusal to allow it an equal quota. If a deal could be signed in Vienna it would be the first time since December 1986, that the group has not been

But the price issue goes to the heart of long-standing divisions over oil policy among the 13 producers.

Some, such as Iran, Algeria and Libya, have traditionally been considered "price hawks." Others such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirales line up in the opposite camp, concentrating more on their share of the world petroleum market and pursuing a more moderate position on

Oil market analysts came up with two main theories for the Saudi decision to bring up discussion of a new price mechanism.

- Politics: Saudi Arabia. analysts say, could be trying to reaffirm its traditional leading role in shaping OPEC policy and may be attempting to prevent lran capturing the headlines and taking political credit for a group deal to shore up prices,

"He is not returning, he is not had outfoxed the Gulf Arab oil

this week Wedd in London. "Here is a way of clawing something back."

- Finances: Analysts said Saudt Arabia was probably genutnely concerned that the new OPEC deal might not push prices According to Zuhair Freihat, up to a \$15 level. They said it wanted to set up a new mechanism to ensure OPEC oil would

not be sold below \$15. Analysts said that although Iran had now conceded the principle of allowing Iraq to produce an equal amount of oil - 2.64 million barrels a day under the draft accord - it would have also scored several points.

Iraq would have to cut back production from current levels by about 100,000 barrels per day and longer-term plans to crank up output to four million would be

There were also signs Sunday that Tehran was out to make the most of the deal it thought its endorsement had sealed. Agazadeh was quoted by the

Iranian news agency IRNA as saying in Tehran; "Iran once again displayed its spirit of cooperation for OPEC members to reach a unanimous agreement."
Saudi Arabia would also see its

share of OPEC's production ceil-ing fall to 24.46 per cent from 26.16 per cent under the group's now largely defunct accord reached in December, 1986.

Delegates said Iran appeared to be trying to rally support against the Saudi proposal from ibya and Algeria, nations which had been ready to accept a smaller percentage share of their overall ceiling in the hope a new accord would push world pet-

# U.S. arms dealers run into slower markets, tougher world competition

WASHINGTON (AP) - Over- the position of No. 1 arms exporseas sales by U.S. arms manufacturers shrank significantly in fiscal 1987 despite a strong demand for weapons by Middle East countries, a new study concludes.

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1986 level and a whopping 44 per cent below 1985," concludes the

"The overall decline in foreign military sale awards led to a drop in the level of arms export business for 17 of the top 25 U.S. arms exporting companies, in 1987," the report noted. billion — off 22 per cent from the The new study was performed

by the Investor Responsibility Research Centre, which bills itself as a non-partisan research organisation dedicated to conducting impartial studies on public policy issues involving corporate

The group has been analysin foreign arms sales for several years, focusing on the official foreign military sale, or FMS, transactions, thi are arranged and overseen by the U.S. government.

FMS sales account for about 84 per cent of all U.S. arms exports; the remainder normally involved company-to-country agreements.

complete government tabulations are available for each fiscal year, meaning there normally is a lag of more than a year. The latest report covers the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 1987.

Centre officials attributed the steep decline in U.S. overseas sales to a small drop in overall demand coupled with an increase in competition. The biggest reason for the

tion," said Paul Ferrari, a centre spokesman. "It's a tighter market "It's still a good business, but a lot of the oil-rich countries and

dropoff has to do with competi-

developing nations either don't have the funds anymore, or they have stocked their arsenals to the brim for the time being," he said.

"And the demand is slackening off a little bit at the same time there are more suppliers in the market, including countries like Brazil and South Korea," he noted.

# Jordanian fair opens in Cairo

CAIRO (J.T.) - A Jordanian industrial fair is due to open bere Thursday to promote the sale of Jordanian products in Egyptian

director of the Jordanian Trade Centre in Cairo, nearly 100 Jordanian industrial businesses will take part in the fair which will display wide ranging products and sell directly to the public in accordance with bilateral agree-Freihat said that Jordanian

merchants participating in the fair can sell clothes, foodstuffs, paint, detergents, sweets, refrigerators, car-filters, gas ranges, insulating materials, oriental ornaments, marble glass for up to \$2 million. The first day of the fair, which

will be Dec. 1, will be open for businessmen but the remainder of the 10-day fair period will be open to the public according to Freihat.

Egypt, according to the bilateral agreement, will hold a similar fair for its manufactured products in Amman at a date to be fixed

# Saudi Arabia to start direct barley imports

BAHRAIN (R) — The Saudi government has said it would start importing burley, intervening for the first time in one of the world's largest such trades which has so far been a private sector

"King Fahd has issued his approval that the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organisation import a quantity of barely of good quali-ty, free of dirt and fungus." Agricultural Minister Abdul Rahman Ibn Hassan Al Sheikh said.

Sheikh, quoted by the Saudi Press Agency, said it would be sold to consumers at reduced prices until the kingdom could complete a programme to become self-sufficient in barley.

Diplomats said the silos organisation's move into direct imports had been widely predicted in the market. They said many traders believed the government might move in to take over much, if not all, the trade. "There has been a behind-the-

control imports," said one. "Privale traders will see the death knell sounding when they hear this. Until September 1987, when

scenes struggle over who will

the government cut the subsidy to 100 rivals (\$27), importers received a generous 30tl riyals (\$80) for each tonne of barley.

This encouraged the import of an estimated 8.2 million tonnes in 1987, causing huge surpluses to

# Egypt anticipates long foreign currency crisis

currency shortage will continue for some time despite a \$1.6 billion rise in hard currency earnings in 1987-1988, Prime Minister Atef Sedki said Salurday.

Sedki, presenting his policy statement to a new session of the People's Assembly, said hard currency earnings rose to \$11.3 billion in the fiscal year ended June 30, compared to \$9.7 billion the previous year "But the bottleneck is still

there and the problem will remain for a long time," he said. departing from a written text. Sedki said carnings from exports including oil in 1987-88 rose by 43.5 per cent over the previous year to \$3.3 billion. He gave no

figure for imports. Remittances from expatriates tripled to \$1.5 billion, he said. Government officials estimate more than three million Egyp-

in Gulf Arab states.

Other major foreign currency carners were revenues from Suez Canal tolls and tourism.

Sedki said he was confident an increase in expons and tourism would gradually ease the shortage. He said more efforts should be exerted to encourage Arab tourism, which accounted for 18 per cent of visitors.

The prime minister said Egypt was negotiating with the World Bank for loans worth \$600 million to boost agricultural, industrial and energy production.

He said talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a second agreement were con-tinuing. This would let Egypt reschedule debt payments falling due between last July I and the end of 1989.

tians are working abroad, mostly estimated at \$43 billion. Pay. ments to service the debt, due from last July 1 to the end of next vear, are estimated at \$4 billion An earlier standby credit

agreement with the IMF allowed Egypt to reschedule debt pay-ments due from January 1987 until last June 30. But Egypt has been reported in default for pay. ments due after that date.

"The talks (with the IMF) are very complicated and difficult." Sedki said.

Several IMF teams have visited Cairo in recent months to assess progress in reforms agreed under last year's accord but talks were inconclusive

Sedki said an official free foreign exchange market set up m May last year under the agree-ment with the IMF had brought in \$3.3 billion during 1987-88, which would otherwise have been Egypt's total foreign debt is channelled to the black marker.

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# Bahraini minister calls for repatriation of Gulf capital

Commerce and Agriculture Minister Habib Kassem urged Gulf tinue the march." he said in an investors Sunday to bring home opening address billions of dollars in capital invested abroad.

Rassem also told delegates attending a two-day Gulf export promotion seminar in Bahrain that the time was right to transfer some government-owned pro-

jects to the private sector.
"The GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) governments have for years shouldered the burden of development programmes and Arahia and the United Arab 1987 to \$51 billions.

sector to hold the flag and con-

"I also take this opportunity to call for the repatriation of capital invested abroad, which has suffered losses due to fluctuation of international exchange rates, in order to place it in productive investments in its own countries." he added.

BAHRAIN (R) - Bahrain's now it is time for the private Emirates in an economic and political alliance.

Mcmber states are trying to diversify their economies away from oil but some bankers estimate the total amount of private funds invested outside the region at around \$150 billion — more than twice the total GCC budgets

According to the Bahrainbased Gulf International Bank, GCC export revenue, which

# Former Reagan diplomat seeks restrictions on Third World aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former diplomat who served under President Ronald Reagan has proposed that President-elect George Bush establish an economic index to help ensure that Third World aid goes only to governments that promote free

The advice is given in a book by J. William Middendorf Monetary Fund and other orga-"Mandate for Leadership III: nisations. Policy Strategies for the 1990s, published by a conservative study

of Middendorf's chapter in advance of publication. Middendorf was Reagan's

Community and to the Organisation of American States. He would like to see his proposed index applied not only by the U.S. government but also by the World Bank, the International

"It would have exposed as repressive and economically useless

mic development) collectivisation of agriculture in El Salvador, IMF-backed (the International ambassador to the European Monetary Fund) tax increases and import restrictions and World Bank support for government agricultural marketing boards." he said.

Middendorf suggested the inby taking into account whether tax rates are high or low barry tax rates are high or low, bow much production comes from government-owned bodies, the extent of private banking, the group, the Heritage Foundation.

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# Turkey, USSR resolve gas row

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mic cooperation and it appears both sides will do so." the official

"There is great potential. We feel both sides can afford a much higher level of trade and econo-

He was speaking after the signing of an economic protocol which Soviel Foreign Economic Relations Minister Konstantin

Katuschev said had political as well as economic importance. The Turkish official, who usked not to be named, told Reuters that Turkey had resolved its problems with the Soviet Union over gas brought in a pipeline

across the Bulgarian border. "The problem does not exist any more. We will buy close to 1.2 billion cubic metres this year... we have promised to buy an additional amount next year. about 1.6 billion cubic metres...

he said. Soviet officials had complained that Turkey was not taking its agreed quota of about 1.5 billion cubic metres this year from the pipeline, which came on stream in mid-1987.

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# U.S. COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

NEW YORK (AP) - Even without its oo. 1 runner and no. 1 receiver. Notre Dame kept its no. 1 ranking.

The Fighting Irish, overcoming the last-minute suspensions of tailback Tony Brooks and flanker Ricky Watters, beat second-ranked Soutbern California 27-10 Saturday to move within one viclory of their eighth national

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Tailhack Mark Green, forced to play the entire game because of Brooks' absence, scored twice on short runs for the Irish. Quarterback Tony Rice ran 65 yards for a touchdown and Stan Smagala returned an interception 64 yards for the other Notre Dame

For Southern Cal's Larry Smith in was "the most hitter loss of my coaching career because we didn't give ourselves a chance to

"When you play a hig game like this, you can't make hig mistakes, and that's exactly what we did. Notre Dame is a fine team, they did what they needed

Notre Dame will meet no. 4 West virginia in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 in a battle of the nation's only unbeaten teams. Southern Cal, 10-1, plays no. 11 Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

In other games involving ranked teams, no. 3 Miami beat previously unbeaten no. 8 Arkansas 18-16, no. 14 Houston downed winless Rice 45-14, and no. 20 Georgia defeated Georgia Tech

At night, no. 16 Louisiana State routed Tulane 44-14, and fifth-ranked Florids State took Florida 52-17.

No. 3 Miami 18, no. 8 Arkansas

Carlos Huerta kicked a 20-yard field goal with 5:38 left and Miami held Arkansas to minus-14 yards in the fourth quarter as the Hurricanes handed the Razorbacks their first loss.

Huerta's third field goal capped a 10-play, 74-yard drive. Arkansas' Steve Atwater dropped a potential interception in the eod zone one play before the

Nn. 5 Florida State 52, Florida 17 Chip Ferguson's three first-quarter touchdown passes

sparked Florida State, which won its last 10 games after an opening loss to Miami. Ferguson's passes to Lawrence

Dawsey, Tom O'Malley and Sammie Smith shot the Seminoles to a 21-7 lead. Coach Bohhy Bowden removed his starters in the third period after the Seminoles opened up a 45-10 cushion.

No. 16 Louisiana State 44, Tulane

Greg Jackson returned an interception 71 yards for a fourthquarter touchdown, and Tommy Hodson threw for 222 yards and two touchdown for LSU, which will go to the Hall of Fame Bowl against Syracuse.

Louisiana State finished with an 8-3 records and was 6-1 in the Southeastern Conference, trying for first place with Auburn. Tulane finished at 5-6.

No. 14 Houston 45, Rice 14

Houston's Andre Ware threw five touchdown passes and Jason Phillips and James Dixon became the first teammates in NCAA history to finish 1-2 in the nation in receiving as the Cougars defeated winless Rice.

Rice finished its season 0-11 and extended the nation's longest losing streak to 18. Houston improved to 9-2.

Nn. 20 Georgia 24, Georgia Tech

Wayne Johnson passed for 167 yards and one touchdown and Wycliffe Lovelace returned an interception 33 yards for a score as Georgia gave Vince Dooley his 200th coaching victory.

Georgia, 8-3, will play Michigan State in the Gator Bowl. Georgia Tech finished 3-8

# IN CONTRAST: Two aces in chess present a contrasting picture while concentrating on their moves. On left, Hungary's Judit Polgar, the new women's sensation, smiles as she easily combats Czech Flalova Nemcova in the women's event in the Chess Olympiad in Greece. And on right, world champion Gary Kasparov of Soviet Union is made to think a bit over his next move against Yugoslavia's L. Jubejovic. Also seen concentrating is World No. 2 Anatoly Karpov. But despite the contrast in picture, the result was the same, victory for both the

# Top Soviet chess player weds U.S. team captain

Soviet woman chess player secretly married the American team captain during a tournament in Greece and has left for the United States, official sources

said Saturday. Yelena Akhmilovskaya, number two in the Soviet team at the World Chess Olympiad, married John Donaldson Friday in this northern Greek city, the sources

Akhmilovskaya and Donaldson, hoth 31, flew to Frankfurt, West Germany, Saturday and were awaiting a U.S. visa for her,

A U.S. emhassy spokeswoman in Athens confirmed that a Soviet

SALONIKA (R) - A leading woman and an American at the tournament had married and left Greece hut declined to give further details.

Asked whether the Soviet woman would have difficulty ohtaining a U.S. visas, spokes-woman Kiki Munchi said: "She is legally married to a U.S. citizen and has the right of any person in such a position to apply for a

Foreign nationals married to U.S. citizens rarely have difficulty obtaining visas, she added. Akhmilovskaya has made a major contribution to her team's first place standing in the Olympiad and was due to play again during the remaining three days

U.S. players, who spoke on

of the tournament, which started

condition of anonymity, said they did not see Akhmilovskaya's action as a political defection because she was motivated by love for Donaldson and not by

The players met at a world championship qualifying match in Havana, Cuha, three years ago and the romance blossomed during a World Chess Olympiad in Duhai in 1986, the sources said.

The wedding must have been planned well in advance as the marriage of foreign nationals in Greece can take two months of preparation .

Their wedding, beld at the Salonika town hall, could take place only after official notices were placed in newspapers and all documents, including hirth certificates, were translated into

# **Bayern stretch unbeaten** league run to 16 games

Breitzke opened the series in

the 15th, hefore Michael Zorc

third goal.

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sixth in the 85th.

kicked off the second-half rout

In Hanover, the home side fell

behind Bochum in the 4th minute

when Uwe Leifeld scored for the

visitors. Stefan Kohn, in the 25th,

and Detlef Dammeier, in the

57th, led Hannover's rally, before

Leifeld equalised in the 63rd. But

20 minutes later, Gregor Grill-

meier scored the winner before

Stuttgart kickers escaped from

the hortom place by heating

Bayer Uerdingen 3-1 at home

despite falling behind following

Dutch striker Angelo Nijsken's

Demir Horic equalised in the

17th. Ralf Vollmer put the kick-

ers ahead for good in the 54th and

Hotic netted the insurance goal in

the 90th to the delight of 3,800

Spanish soccer

eight victories by Spanish league

Athletic Bilhao halted a run of

goal in the 12th minute.

BONN (R) — West German league leaders Bayern Munich, looking jaded after their midweek UEFA cup defeat by Internazionale Milan, laboured to a 1-0 win over fellow Bavarians Nuremberg Saturday.

Juergen Wegmann scored his 6-0 pounding, paced by three eighth goal of the season in the goals from Guenter Breitzke. 35th minute from Olaf Thon's cross to stretch Bayern's un- the 5th and added his second in heaten start in the First Division

Nuremberg, who have not won in Munich for 20 years, fought back spiritedly in the second half but it was Bayern who came closest to scoring when Johnny Ekstroem headed against the

Bayern hold a five-point lead over four clubs - Werder Bremen. Cologne, Hamburg and VFB Stuttgart.

Striker Frank Neubrath, plagued by injury earlier in the season, scored a hat-trick, all headers, to spur defending champions Werder Bremen to a 3-1 win over Karlsruhe Friday night.

VFB Sturtgart slipped down to fifth place after a disappointing 2-2 draw with Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Moenchengladhach's marksmen were Hans-Guenter Bruns and Hans-Georg Dressen. Juergen Klinsmann and Karl Allgofwer scored for Stuttgart.

#### Cologne defeats Hamburg

Cologne ended Hamhurg side St. Pauli's unheaten run of 11 games by heating them 1-0 away. Thomas Haessler scored midway through the first half from Olaf Janssen's pass.

The day's top scorers in the Bundesliga were Borussia Dortmund who crushed troubled Eintracht Frankfurt 6-0 with a hattrick from Guenter Breitzke. Their other goals came from Michael Zorc. Norhert Dickel and Frank Pagelsdorf.

Borussia Dortmund sent Eintracht Frankfurt reeling back to the bottom of the standing with a man Bernd Schuster, went ahead in the first minute through Michel Gooazlez vollev.

But Athletic struck hack aft. 14 minutes when Pedro Urasscored from a cross by Jose Gall

Mexican striker Hugo Sanche. set up Real's second seven minutes later, dummying three defenders in the penalty area before passing back for Miguel Tendillo to slot home.

with a goal in the 39th. Norbert Athletic levelled in the 62nd Dickel made it 4-0 in the 65th and minute, Felix Sarriugarte sprint-Breitzke got an ovation from ing 30 metres to drop the ball in 22,500 fans in the 73rd with his the path of Luis Fernando who Frank Pagelsdorf added the

shot home from close range. Michel Gonazlez scored his second and Real's third in the 76th minute from a cross by left winger Francisco Llorente, but never-say-die Athletic replied again with a Ricardo Mendiguren header eight minutes from time.

#### French soccer

Paris Saint-Germain settled more comfortably into its place at the top of the French First Division with an easy 1-0 away win to Bordeaux Saturday.

The victory, secured with a goal hy Christian Perez, gave the team trained by Yugoslav Tomslav Ivic a points tally of 43, though second-placed Auxerre **EUROPEAN SOCCER** are hot on the Paris squad's heels with 42 after beating Laval 1-0.

Bordeaux wilted before Paris Saint Germain, who abostbed the lessons of IVIC's training to match impeccable defence with hrilliant attacking play.

Once among the leading lights of French soccer, 12th-ranking Bordeaux are on the wane and were heaten 1-0 by Naples Wednesday in the European

leaders Real Madrid Saturday, coming from behind three times Despite violent efforts by New Danish International Jesper to draw 3-3 in their First Division Olsen, the Bordeaux players had Athletic, beaten six times in to struggle to stay on their feet on their last seven matches, looked an icy field with temperatures set for another defeat when Real. around zero degrees. It was their iospired in midfield by West Gerfifth consecutive match without a

# **GOREN BRIDGE**

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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What action do you take? Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **★A6 ♥AKJ95 ∴6 ★KJ1063** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

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Zurbriggen wins ski race AUSTRIA (AP) — Pirmin Zur-

hriggen of Switzerland won the opening men's World Cup skiing race Sunday as he captured the super-giant competition in 1 minute, 31.65 seconds. Zurhriggen, the defending

World Cup overall champion. was last in the first group and overtook two Olympic gold medallists. Second place went to Franck

Piccard of France, who won the Super-G Olympic title in Calgary earlier this year. Third was Leonard Stock of Austria, the 1980 Olympic downhill winner. "I panicked in the starting gate

and made a mistake in the middle," said Piccard. "That's where I lost the race." Piccard's time was 1:31.77 while Stock did it in 1:32.15,

down the 2,020-metre course that dropped 543 metres the track had 44 gates. It was Zurhriggen's 32nd World Cup victory, second hest on the all-time list hehind

who bas \$5. "The first race of the season is always something special hecause vou#don't know what kind of condition you're in," Zurhriggen said. "But I'm happy and it gives me a lot of confidence."

Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark.

Italy's Alberto Tomba, the Olympic champion in slalom and giant slalom, was fourth in activities of Air France.

1:32.31. He was the first racer down the hill on an overcast and cold day in the Austrian Alps.

Tomba, who won the slalom and giant slalom in Calgary, said he was satisfied with his place.
"But Tino Pietrogiovanna didn't help me io setting up the race," he said in reference to the Italian coach who set up the

course, which was very fast on the upper part and gave advantage to the speed specialists. The next World Cup race is Monday in Les Menuires, France with a women's giant slalom. The men follow Tuesday in Val

#### **Molly Television** show at the Marriott Hotel

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AMMAN — To mark the occasion of the French week a Molly television show will be held from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1, 1988 at the Amman Marriott Hotel. The show will be screened for the public daily from 10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. once every two hours.

This kind of exhibiton is the first in Amman, Jordan is one of the three developing countries which show this programme. This exhibition includes other

# **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

2 S. Africans killed in soccer riots JOHANNESBURG (R) - Two black soccer fans were killed Saturday after a riot by a crowd angry at not being able to get tickets for a match, South African police said. A group of fans began stoning a security guard when they were told that tickets were sold out for the final of a soccer competition at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, a police spokesman said. As the crowd pressed forward an of the group. The body of another black man with a bullet wound was found some distance away after the crowd fled, the

#### spokesman said. Bertaggia wins Macau Grand Prix

MACAU (R) — Italian Enrico Bertaggia, driving a Dallara-Alfa Romeo, was the unexpected and narrow winner of the 35th Macau formula three motor race Sunday. Bertaggia, victorious in Monaco earlier this year, finished fifth in the 12-lap first leg and second in the 15-lap second leg of Asia's Premier race.

# Adams-Garrison win Virginia Slims Doubles

TOKYO (AP) - Katrina Adams and Zina Garrison of the United States Sunday breezed past the top-seeded pair of Robin White and Gigi Fernandez 7-5, 7-5 to win the \$250,000 Virginia Slims Women's World Doubles Championship in a final lasting only 69 minutes.

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### Hlasek and Leconte reach final

BRUSSELS (AP) - Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, one match away from bis third coosecutive Nahisco Grand Prix title, and top-seeded Henri Leconte of France Saturday reached the final of the \$490,000 Belgian Indoor Championship. Hlasek led Parrick Kuhnen 7-6 (7-3), 3-0 when the West German retired because of stomach flu. Leconte again was earratic in overcoming fourthseeded John Fitzgerald of Australia 6-4.

#### Zaragoza retains super-bantamweight crown

FORLI (R) — Mexican Daniel Zaragoza retained his World Boxing Council super-bamtamweight crown on Saturday when he knocked out Italian challenger Valerio Nati in the firsh reasoning a swinging left-hand punch to the jaw. The elow sent and former European featherweight champion, spreading and hack. He managed to wobble to his feet but had a managed to wobble to hi himself on the ropes and was counted out by the refer. ...

# Soviet pair wins ice dancing

TOKYO (AP) - Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko of the Soviet Union displayed near-perfect form Sunday in winning the ice dancing title in the NHK Cup International Free Skating

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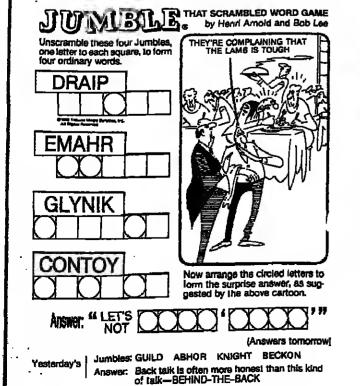
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# **Andy Capp**









Gorbachev tackles Baltic unrest through Praesidium

# Azerbaijani party chiefs sacked; tension persists

MOSCOW (R) — The Communist Party leaders in two Soviet Azerbaijani cities have been sacked as the death toll rose to 10 in the past week's ethnic clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis.

SEOUL (AP) - President Roh in nearly three decades as part of

Tae-Woo may appoint a civilian as his efforts to ease public anger

defence minister for the first time over his disgraced predecessor.

The party chiefs were removed, authorities do not resolve the in Kirovabad and Nakhichevan. Issue, we will resolve it an Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The party headquarters in both cities were said the violence in Kirovabad attacked by angry crowds this had been sparked by rumours week as ethnic tensions exploded that a forthcoming session of the into violence.

Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman Musa Mamedou said the situation was still tense in Kirovabad, scene of most of the violence reported in the past

A curfew is in force there and troops have ringed the Armenian quarter to protect it from the Azerhaijani majority.

A spokesman at party head-quarters in the city, who gave his name as Chingiz Sadykhov, said Sunday had passed calmly so far although Azerbaijanis were meeting in the central square.

He said they were demanding that the future of the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, which is at the heart of the unrest, he decided once and for all.

"They are saying that if the juni civilians,

ourselves." Sadykhov said. A Soviet official in Moscow Soviet parliament planned to hand Nagorno-Karabakh to

Armenia. The Communist Party leader of Kirovabad, Ramiz Ragirly, was sacked Saturday at an emergency session of the local party called to discuss the violence. Mamedov said. He was replaced by Sulei-

man Farkhad Ogly Mamedov. The party chief of the region of Nakhichevan, Nuratdin Musta-fayev lost his job in a similar session the same day. He was replaced by Geydar Isayev, a member of the Azerbaijani Communist Party Central Committee, Mamedov said.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Saturday that there had been six deaths in Kirovabad this week four soldiers and two Azerbai-

Roh plans shake-up to quell Chun uproar

But an official at the Azerhaijani news agency Azerinform said Sunday that four Azeri civilians had died in Kirovabad.

That brought the week's death toll to 10 when combined with the count in Armenia, where the news agency Armenpress has confirmed the deaths of one Armenian and one Azerbaijani in two towns in the republic Thursday.

Constitutional reform

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Saturday the Kremlin had radically revised draft constitutional améndments, in an apparent compromise with critics who siad they gave Moscow too much

The crincism was led by mass movements demanding more sovereignty from Moscow for the Baltic republics, but recently the parliament of Soviet Georgia and top legislators in Armenia added their voice to the protests.

Gorbachev had hard words for a recent decision by the parliament in the Baltic republic of Estonia that proclaimed a local veto power over Kremlin laws and local control over natural resources and industry.

Government and ruling party

sources, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said the reorganisa-

tion, expected early next month,

may affect as many as 70 senior

officials, including the defence

minister and other key cahinet

the opposition, we realise the

quality of the shake-uo is very

important, and it is highly likely

that we would have a civilian-

A well-placed source in the

ruling Democratic Justice Party

(DJP) echoed these comments.

adding, "President Roh really

means husiness, and he wants to

reflect the opposition's view as

In a nationally televised speech

Saturday, Roh appealed to the

nation to forgive his disgraced predecessor. Chun Doo-Hwan

democratic reforms, including a

major shake-up of his govern-

February, was forced to take ru-

ral exile last Wednesday after

coming under attack for corrup-

tion and abuse of power during

his seven-year rule. He surren-

dered all of his property, worth

\$24 million, in atonement.

Chun, who stepped down in

defence minister." one govern-

ment official said.

much as possible."

ment and party.

To resolve the discontent of

The Estonian legislation was political adventurism nudging Estonia onto a fatal path of economic isolationism and destroying the country's unitary economy." Gorhachev said, according to Moscow Radio.

Gorbachev said the Praesidium had taken recent public discussion of the proposed changes into consideration.

'As a result of the democratic process of discussion we have today drafts which differ considerably from what was previously published." he said in remarks to the Praesidum that were carried on Soviet Television

The changes improve the drafts and the main thing is, they express the moods of the overwhelming majority of the people." he said.

He spoke at a session of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, or parliament, which met to prepare for an extraordinary session due to approve the consti-tutional amendments next week.

The Praesidium decided to stick to the plan to seek approval of the amendments at the special Tuesday session and would issue the revised version of the changes to the parliament by then, TASS news agency reported.

Opposition leaders refused to

accept the presidential plea for mercy for Chun and called for a

thorough prohe by the national

assembly or a special prosecutor.

Thousands of people have staged

street protests to demand Chun's

In the face of the opposition's

cool response to Roh's plea, gov-

ernment and ruling party officials

are now hoping that major demo-

cratic reforms promised in Roh's

speech, including a government shake-up, would provide a break-

The sources said Prime Minis-

ter Lee Hyun-Jae is likely to be

retained, but most key economic

Chun's administration, would be

possible replacement of Defence

Minister Oh Ja-Bok, with a civi-

the sources said. Oh is a retired

The last time South Korea had

a civilian defence minister was in

1960 when the late President Park

Chung-Hee staged a military

coup and ousted a popularly elected government led by then-

Prime Minister Chang Myun. The

Defence post has since then been

filled by retired generals.

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# 2 Mandela colleagues freed

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa (AP) --- The government has freed two seriously ill black anti-apartheid leaders in a move certain to beighten speculation about the possible release of their colleague, Nelson

Harry Gwala, 69, a longtime member of the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla movement, and Zephania Mothopeng, 75, president of the Pan Africanist Congress. were released unconditionally Saturday "on medical-humanitarian grounds," the prisons service said in a brief state-

Gwala, Mothopeng and Mandela all began their ANC activity to the 1940s, although Mothopeng left the organisation in 1959 to help found the Pan Africanist Congress

Gwala was freed from Westville prison in the Indion Oceao city of Durban and Mothopeng was released from Diepkloof prison in the Soweto township outside Johannesburg.

Gwala had spent more than 20 years in prison and was serving a life sentence for his involvement with the outlawed ANC guerrilla movement, headed by Mandeia.

"I'm very much excited. This came unexpectedly," Gwala said in a telephone interview from his home in the southeastern city of Pietermaritzbarg.

Gwala has a terminal illness knowo as "motor-ocuron disease," a degenerative neurological disorder with no known cure. Gwala said the illness has left his arms paralysed., but his mind remains clear. Mothnpeng, who has been

seriously ill for several months, was a member of the ANC doring the 1940s and 1950s.

Mothopeng was arrested in 1976 and sentenced to 15 years in prison for his involvement with the outlawed organisation. He was elected president of the PAC in 1986 despite his impris-

Both organisations ase armed force in their efforts to topple the South African government. But the Pan African group favours black self-sufficiency in the struggle for poli-tical rights, while the ANC supports a multiracial

South Africa's policy of apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which the country's 24 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The nation's five million whites control the economy and maiotain separate districts, schools and health services.

Gwala and Mothopeng became friends when they were both imprisoned on Robben Island off Cape Town in the early 1980s, Gwalo said.

# Rescuers continue search for Thai flood victims "This serves as an expensive ferrying food, medicines and

BANGKOK (R) - Relief teams dug decomposing bodies from beneath tons of mud and logs Sunday, five days after a devastating flood swept through southern Thailand, killing more than 400

Officials at the Relief Coordinating Centre in the southern town of Hat Yai said 393 bodies had been recovered in the 12 provinces ravaged by the flooding

after torrential monsoon rains. But local officials contacted from Bangkok said hundreds of people were still missing, particularly in four southern villages engulfed by mud and debris washed down from hills stripped bare by loggers.

"My God, what destruction," said Prime Minister Chatiehai Choonhava, who toured the area lesson for us all on the adverse effects of excessive logging," he

The roof of a school stuck out of a sea of mud at the village of Katun, where 7,000 people once lived. Stunned survivors wandered dazed and weeping through the wreckage of their valley, searching for relatives.

Methi Boopradit, the local township chief, told reporters 340 houses had been completely buried in mud.

"I have pulled 21 bodies from under the mud hut I can't do it any more. Many are decaying. They fall apart when you try to pull them out," he said. Only two helicopters were

working during the weekend in the whole Nakhon Si Thammarat province, the worst affected area,

other supplies to people still trap-ped as the waters subsided. At least 220 people were being treated in hospital from injuries. Tens of thousands were home-

Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila appealed for foreign help. The United States has offered \$25,000 in aid and sent a joint mission with Canada to estimate relicf needs.

"This is the worst disaster in the history of the south," said Deputy Interior Minister Trairong Suwannakhiri.

Four villages in the Piphun and Lansaka districts, west of Nakhon Si Thammarat, were overwhelmed by a tide of mud and water that hurled logs through wooden buildings in the middle of the night Tuesday.

# British lords back Shakespeare

LONDON (AP) - Sitting in an Elizabethan chamber where William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" was first performed, three British law lords Saturday ruled unanimously that the bard was truly the author of those famous plays that bear his name.

officials, including Economic Planning Minister Rha Woong-Bac, who were left over from An audience of 350 crowded into Middle Temple hall in the Most significant would be the heart of London's law courts district to watch the argument over whether the woolfrom Stratford-upon-Avon or Edward de Vere, the 17th Earl of Oxford, actually wrote

Shakespeare's plays and poems. The seven-hour hearing, with breaks for lunch and tea, was marked hy scholarship and hursts of humour.

Novelist Jeffrey Archer, who conceived the day-long hearing, opened it with a quote from U.S.

actor and Shakespeare enthusiast

Sam Wanamaker - "I am fascin- nan, Junior Harry A. Blackmun ated by the authorship question, but the play's the thing."
An estimated £200,000

(\$36,000) in ticket sales from the the evidence insufficient to hearing will help fund Wanamaker's project to rehuild the Globe Theatre, where Shakespeare's plays were performed for London audiences on its original 16thcentury site by the Thames river.

With judges, witnesses and ving as they wou a real-life court of law, the hearing was being filmed for a possi-

ble TV production.

Charles Vere. 23-year-old descendant of the earl and a student at Oxford University, made the case for his ancestor after three U.S. supreme court justices found the evidence wanting in a similar hearing 14 months ago in

Washington, D.C. U.S. Justices William J. Bren-

and John Paul Stevens expressed unease about the authorship of Shakespeare's works, but ruled ascribe them to de Vere-"It's important to get people to

understand, people who are pre-pared to take up the cudgels," said Vere, whose full name is Charles Francis Topham dc Vere Beauclerk.

hashing an argument that has swirled around the hard's head for more than 200 years — that Shakespeare lacked the knowledge of foreign travel and court life that features in the works.

They say de Vere, a dandy and poet familiar with Elizabethan court life, wrote the plays and poems but that conventions of the day stopped him putting his name

# COLUMN

### Noah the Boa is free again

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Michigan (AP) - "Noah the Boa" is a free snake again after nearly four days of captivity in the dashboard of a car belonging to one of his red-faced handlers. Judy Booth of the J.L. Johnson Nature Centre said she drove the 2.7kilometres. 1.52-metre Boa constrictor to a preschool for a Friday morning presentation. "I put him back in the car and went to lunch for about an hour," Booth said. "That was a big mistake," Noah, probably spooked by unfamiliar surroundings, slithered out of his pillowease carrier and under the dashboard, she said. After failing to lure the serpent out with morsels of his favourite foods, she was forced to spend the weckend keeping Noah warm with a heat lamp. Booth took the car 10 a auto dealership Monday, where Rick Hetchler and another mechanic freed the snake as about two dozen people watched. It was no big deal, Hetchler said. "It's just a snake. The fun part will be putting the dashboard back together."

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#### Parishioner offer 'lard to the Lord'

GERING, Nebraska (AP) — Memhers of two western Nebraska churches are lighter as a result of a competitive dieting "race" in which they offered up "lard to the Lord." Sixty parishioners lost a total of 453.6 kilogrammes in the monthlong effort to "get slim for him," said the Reverend Neal Hail. Hail admitted that his team, the "first fatties" of Scottsbluff's First Assembly of God, lost the contest after a weigh-in with the "Northfield porkers" of Gering's Northfield Church. The 41 memhers on the team from Gearing lost a total of 301.6 kilogrammes for an average loss of 7.3 kilogrammes per person. The Scottshluff squad was just a bit behind, although exact figures were not available. Hail said be personally lost 17 pounds (7.7 kilogrammes). The winners were to be treated sometime after Christmas to an "all-American pig-out, with the losing team as hosts.

#### **Chuck Berry** pleads quilty

NEW YORK (AP) - Rock-'n'roll legend Chuck Berry, accused of punching a woman in the Gramercy Park hotel nearly a year ago, has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and paid a \$250 fine, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office said Friday. Berry. 62, of Saint Louis, had been charged with misdemeanor assault for allegedly punching Marilyn O. Boteler in the mouth Dec. 18, 1987. Boteler claimed the punch loosened several of her teeth and caused a cut that required five stitches. The cause of the alleged assault was not disclosed. Berry pleaded guilty Nov. 22 to a charge of harassment and paid a \$250 fine. If convicted of the more serious assault charge, he could have been sentenced to as much as a year in jail and assessed a \$1,000 fine.

#### Nigeria airways drops elephant

LAGOS (R1 — Nigeria airways, hurdened by debts and a reputation for mefficiency, has decided to junk its 30-year-old elephant logo in favour of a soaring eagle. The flying elephant, often derided as the ideal emblem for an airline whose planes frequently failed to leave the ground, will be replaced by an eagle superimposed on the letter N some time next month, spokesman Femi Ogunleye was quoted as saving in Friday's local papers.

### Starr returns from clinic

LONDON (AP) - Former Beatle Ringo Starr vowed he'd never drink again as he and his wife, actress Barbara Bach, returned Friday from five weeks in a U.S. alcoholism clinic. "I feel a lot better than I have for ages," Start said in an interview with press association, the domestic news agency. "I haven't had a drink for 45 days. That's amazing for me. Starr, 48, said "we are not under doctors or anybody now. It's up to us. I am an alcoholic and my intention is never to drink again The former drummer for the Beatles said."The first thing we are planning is a really good Christmas. We want to live a normal life now." Reports of the couple's treatment programme were con-firmed in early November by the Beatles' former press agent, Derek Taylor. He said at the time that Starr wanted to "go public because it was already seeping out through fellow guests at clinic" in Arizona.

# London seeks extradition of priest

Wednesday for provincial exile

LONDON (AP) - Britain is secking the extradition from Ireland of a priest suspected of Irish Republican Army (IRA) connected terrorism, after Belgium refused to turn him over and allowed him to fly home to Dublin, police said Saturday, Patrick Ryan, who has been barred from performing duties as a pricsi for 14 years, was freed from a Belgian jail Friday after a three-week hunger strike. Ryan was arrested June 30 during a raid on a Brussels apartment. He was alleged to have travelled from Spain to Belgium on a false passport and Brussels police were quoted as saving the raided apartment contained manuals on bomb-making. British authorities initiated moves to have Ryan extradited from Belgium, accusing him of conspiracy to murder,

Chun Doo-Hwan and his wife. Lee Soon Ya. leaving their home

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

# Burundi refugees return home

NAIROBI (R) — The first batch of refugees who fled inter-tribal fighting in northern Burundi last August have returned to their homes in a United Nations (U.N.) backed operation. Burundi radio said Sunday. The radio, monitored in Nairobi, did not indicate the number of those who had returned. But U.N. officials said recently that most of the 46,000 refugees living in camps in neighbouring Rwanda were willing to go back home. The radio said: "The refugees said they were happy to return home. More are expected soon to join in rebuilding our country." More than 60,000 people, mostly members of the majority Hutu tribe, fled northern Burundi during the August fighting between the Hutu and the ruling minority Tutsi.

# Jakes: Soviet withdrawal possible

PRAGUE (AP) - Czechoslovak Communist Party leader Milos Jakes said all 70,000 Soviet troops could he withdrawn from his country under an East-West accord to reduce conventional forces in Europe, the party newspaper reported Saturday. Jakes told two Japanese newspapers that Soviet troop presence in Czechoslovakia is "connected with general East-West relations." according to the Communist Party daily Rude Pravo. The statement indicated that a Soviet troop withdrawal was not a bilateral matter between Moscow and Prague. "While preserving military halance on a much lower level, it would be possible, according to our opinion, to solve the question of Soviet troops' presence in Czechoslovakia." Jakes said, without providing further details.

# Costa Rica, Nicaragua sign accord

MANAGUA (AP) - Costa Rica and Nicaragua have signed an agreement to patrol their common border and to return several hundred refugees from Cosla Rica to Nicaragua, officials announced. A Nicaraguan communique said the agreement commits both governments to patrol the border in order to "prevent unlawful acts such as smuggling and cattle rustling" as well as drug trafficking. The accords were signed Thursday in the Nicaraguan port of San Juan del Sur, officials disclosed Friday in Managua. Several hundred refugees who fled Nicaragua after hurricane Joan hit last month also will be repatriated under the agreement. officials said.

# The life and death of a Greek heiress



Fourth husband Thierry Roussel (right)

At a social gathering (1973)





Christina Onassis, who died Nov.

19 at the age of 37 in Buenos

Aires. Argentina, was one of the

richest and best-knowe women in

the world. No doubt, she was one

of the most unhappy. After four

marriages and four divorces, she

led the life of an idle rich woman.



With third husband Serguei Kauzov (1978)

·With father Aristotle, second from left (1966)